

The Divisive Compromise of Jeroboam and Rehoboam 1 Kings 12:25-13:5

God has an order for everything

"It shall come about that in the place in which the LORD your God will choose for His name to dwell, there you shall bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes..." Deuteronomy 12:11

- God established the guidelines for worship and sacrifice. Deuteronomy 12:1-13; Leviticus 23

Compromise divides hearts, kings and kingdoms

"But he forsook the counsel of the elders which they had given him..." 1 Kings 12:8

- The Compromise of the Danites in Judges 17-18
- The United Kingdom of Saul (40 years), David (40 years) and Solomon (40 years) leads to a legacy of compromise and division.
- The Divided Kingdom - 1 Kings 12:1-24
 - Jeroboam becomes king of Israel or the Northern Kingdom.
 - Rehoboam becomes king of Judah or the Southern Kingdom.
 - What is really important to all God's chosen people and is in Judah/Southern Kingdom, not Israel?

Initial compromise leads to greater sin and brokenness

"So the king consulted, and made two golden calves, and he said to them, 'It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold your gods, O Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt.'" 1 Kings 12:28

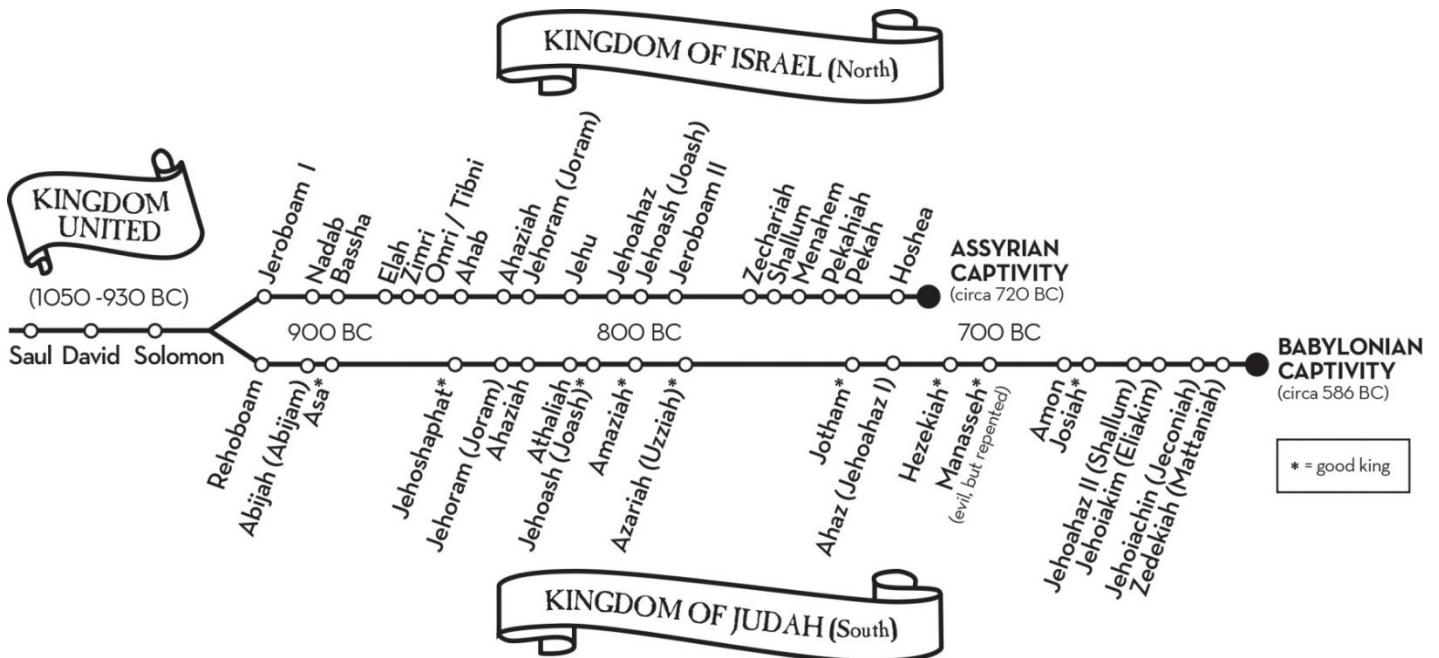
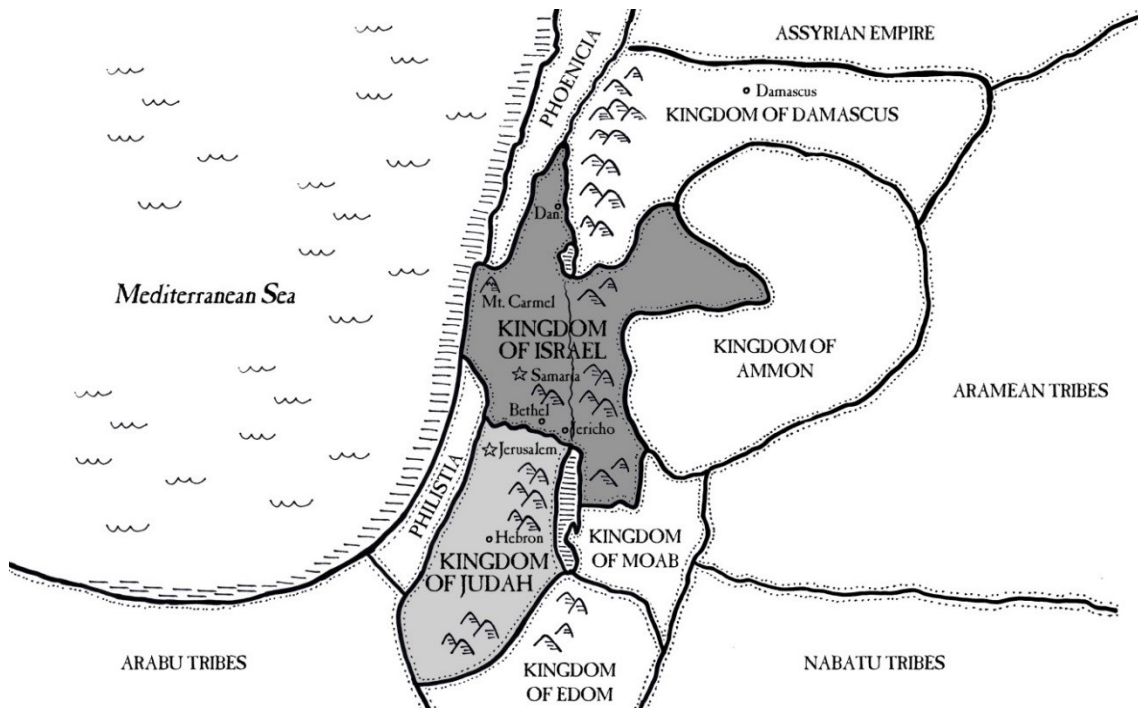
- 1 Kings 12:25-13:5
- People say follow your heart and it sounds good. Jeroboam was a leader who followed his own heart, but it was instead of God's heart.
- Half-hearted commitment to the Lord is total commitment to idolatry.
- How do we compromise?
 - James 1:27

Jesus is the Redeemer of our compromise

"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:24

- Jesus is the fulfillment of the law. He is the Messiah. He is God in the flesh. He is the only righteous King. He redeems all of our compromise.
- John 4:20-26

Response: Examine your life. How has compromise begun to creep into your thoughts and actions? Recognize that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and the healer of your sin and brokenness. Cry out to Him for the free gift of grace and forgiveness.



LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Has the whole concept of the United Kingdom and Divided Kingdom been confusing up until now? How do you understand it more today than you did yesterday?
2. Where did Jeroboam go wrong in 1 Kings 12? What do you think that he should have done differently?
3. What areas are the easiest for you to compromise? Consider sins that might not be as obvious as others - both sins of commission and sins of omission.

NEXT STEPS:

1. **Spend some time journaling** on the areas in your life that are the most susceptible to compromise. Then spend some time reading passages of Scripture on the grace of Jesus and reflect on the cost of that grace and the assurance we have because of Christ's death and resurrection.
2. **Begin a Bible reading plan** through the entire Old Testament or a reading plan through the books of 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings and 1 & 2 Chronicles to help you have a better grasp on the stories we are discussing in this Sunday series.
3. **Receive prayer, counseling, support, recovery or spiritual direction** through one of the Care Ministries of Calvary Church to help you with areas of compromise. For more information, visit calvarylife.org/care