

# OT - Fall of the Split Kingdom

## Confirmation - Lesson A15

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Memory Verse of the Week:** "Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast \_\_\_\_\_." Joel 2:13

### Worship life of Israel

#### Places of Worship

- \_\_\_\_\_ - People had no special buildings for worship so they built altars of earth or stone
- \_\_\_\_\_ - God commanded them to make special place of worship in the desert and this moved with Israel and was taken into the Promised Land. It signified God's presence.
- **Temple** - \_\_\_\_\_ built a beautiful temple modeled after the tabernacle---this was Israel's first, permanent center of worship. It signified God's presence.

#### Worship Leaders

- \_\_\_\_\_ - God appointed Aaron and his male descendants as priests to lead the worship. Priests offered sacrifices, and taught the people God's commandments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - This tribe was set aside to assist in all worship ceremonies and preparations for the Israelites.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Chief religious official and he was the mediator between the people and God, spoke for God, and gave the people God's blessings.
  - **Hebrews 4, 7, 8** - Jesus is seen as the perfect high priest who broke down the separation between God and man and gave us a way to commune directly with Him.

#### Sacrifices

- \_\_\_\_\_ - Animals, especially lambs, were killed and offered to God for the sins of the people. The people were acting in faith by offering these sacrifices.
  - **Hebrews 9:22** - '...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins'
  - **Hebrews 10:11-14** - '...Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins'
- \_\_\_\_\_ - The people gave grain, foods, money as thankofferings

#### Worship Times

- **Daily** - Priests offered morning and evening sacrifices
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Saturday was a day of rest and the people came together for worship.
- **Festivals** - There were many holy days that Israel worshipped on---these were to commemorate what God had done for Israel and remember His faithfulness.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ - Recognizing God's judgment and deliverance of Israel (March)
  - **Pentecost** - Harvest festival of joy and celebration with offerings (May)
  - **Tabernacles** - Another Harvest festival with celebration and offerings (October)
  - **Day of \_\_\_\_\_** - High priest appeared before God in the holy of holies with special sacrifices for the sins of the people (September - October)

Solomon was the last king of the \_\_\_\_\_ and The Kingdom of Israel splits into a Northern Kingdom (Israel-10 tribes) and Southern Kingdom (Judah-2 tribes) around \_\_\_\_\_.

The Kingdom of Israel split because of a history of \_\_\_\_\_ among the 12 tribes, the unfaithfulness of their leaders (worship of \_\_\_\_\_ gods), and a struggle for power.

- God calls His followers to be \_\_\_\_\_ devoted to Him!
  - **1 Kings 11:26-40** - *'I am about to tear the kingdom from the hand of Solomon...because they have forsaken me and worshiped Ashtoreth, Chemosh, Milcom and they have not walked in my ways...as David his father did.'*

After Solomon, there are a series of kings over \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and very few followed the Lord. We see that sin and rebellion is passed down from generation to generation

\_\_\_\_\_ - One who boldly reveals the will of the Lord and calls people to follow Him.

- A prophet would communicate a divine message, some messages were \_\_\_\_\_ and some were \_\_\_\_\_, and it would sometimes predict a \_\_\_\_\_ outcome.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Prophets** (book size) - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations (Jeremiah?), Ezekiel, and Daniel

\_\_\_\_\_ **Prophets** - Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi

- The prophets were located in Israel and Judah before and after the exile

Israel and Judah continued to war against each other, until God brought judgment against them

- \_\_\_\_\_ BC - Israel was captured and taken into captivity by the \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ BC - Judah was captured and taken into captivity by the \_\_\_\_\_
  - The Babylonians destroyed the \_\_\_\_\_, which was the center of Jewish life.

The exile demonstrates God's \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and heart for people to follow Him only.

- God continued to send prophets to the exiled people and promised that they would be restored back in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Prophesied that the exiles would return after \_\_\_\_\_ years (Jeremiah 25 & 29)
- **Isaiah 11:12** - *He will raise a banner for the nations and \_\_\_\_\_ the exiles of Israel; He will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.*

**Main Point:** God takes \_\_\_\_\_ very seriously and desires for us to only follow Him!

**Reflection Time-** *Use this space to silently reflect on these 4 questions:*

1) What do you remember that was the biggest factor that contributed to Israel & Judah being captured?

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2) How does your answer to #1 apply to your life?

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3) Do you see God as loving or harsh in this period of the Kings and why?

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4) What does it tell you about God that He continued to make promises to a rebellious people, sent prophets to turn them back, and that He rescued them from captivity?

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5) Do you think you take sin seriously in your life? What would that look like? What steps can you take?

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