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# Divided Kingdom

**“Then Jeroboam and the whole assembly of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you.’”**

**1 Kings 12:3-4**

A coastal scene at sunset. On the left, a white, two-story house with a dark roof sits on wooden stilts atop a rocky outcrop. The foreground is a sandy beach with wet sand reflecting the sky. The ocean is visible on the right, with gentle waves. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and a bright orange and yellow glow from the setting sun is visible on the horizon.

**Northern Kingdom**

***Isreal***

**Jeroboam**



**“For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they did not depart from them, until the LORD removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria, as it is to this day.”**

**2 Kings 17:22-23**

# Role of the Prophets



# Prophet's Role:

- NOT Fortune Telling
- Speak on God's Behalf
- Call out Idolatry & Injustice
  - Reminding Isreal of their Calling

# Elijah



**“Now therefore, send and gather  
all Israel to me on Mount Carmel,  
the four hundred and fifty prophets  
of Baal, and the four hundred  
prophets of Asherah, who eat  
at Jezebel’s table.”**

**1 Kings 18:19**

**Elisha**

A coastal scene at sunset. On the left, a white, two-story house with a dark roof sits on a rocky outcrop. The house has several windows and a chimney. The foreground is a sandy beach with some rocks. The ocean is visible in the background, with waves breaking. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and the sun is setting, creating a warm, golden glow on the horizon and reflecting on the wet sand.

# Southern Kingdom

## *Judah*

# Rehoboam

**Did they walk in the  
ways of David?**

# **Most Evil King: Manassah**



**Good Kings:**  
**Asa**  
**Hezekiah**  
**Josiah**

A small, white, two-story house with a dark roof and a chimney, built on stilts on a rocky beach. The house is situated on the left side of the frame. The beach is composed of dark, wet sand and large, dark rocks. The ocean is visible in the background, with waves breaking. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, and the sun is setting, creating a warm, orange glow on the horizon and reflecting on the wet sand. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

**Has God given  
up on the line  
of David?**

**“Now it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah...king of Babylon released Jehoiachin king of Judah from prison. He spoke kindly to him, and gave him a more prominent seat than those of the kings who were with him in Babylon.”**

**2 Kings 25:27,28**

A coastal scene at sunset. In the foreground, a sandy beach is wet, reflecting the golden light of the setting sun. To the left, a white, two-story house with a dark roof sits on wooden stilts, perched on a rocky outcrop. The house has several windows and a chimney. Large, dark grey rocks are scattered along the shoreline. The ocean extends to the horizon, with gentle waves visible. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and the sun is a bright, glowing orb just above the horizon line, casting a long, warm glow across the entire scene.

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