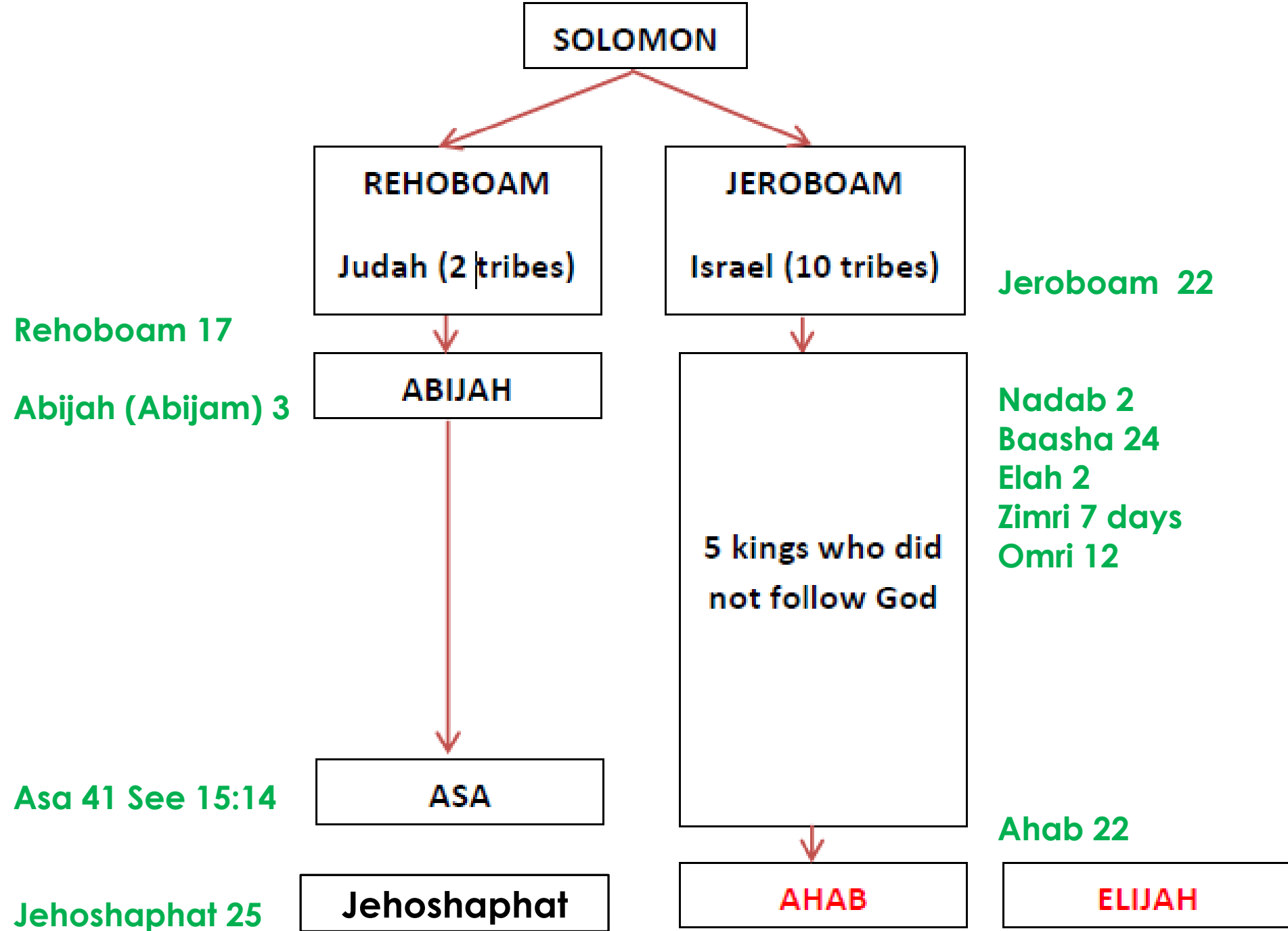


THE LIFE OF

ELIJAH





A Nation in Sin – I KINGS 1-16

- Israel has had 62 years of bad leadership
- Ahab and Jezebel – I Kings 16:23-34
 - 1st mention of a queen – Jezebel – Sidonian
 - Eth-baal murdered the king
 - House of Baal built (32) Asherah/Astarte
 - Jezebel rules thru Ahab...

Enter Elijah – “Yahweh is my God”

- Sudden appearance, no background...
 - Tishbeh, East of Jordan(?)
 - Settlers of Gilead (foreigner in Gilead)
 - “As Jehovah, the God of Israel lives...”
 - “...before whom I stand...”
 - “...by my word.”

A Return to the Miraculous

- Israel NEEDED to KNOW God was real!
- Elijah brings back the touch of God
 - When God makes life hard... no rain or dew!
 - Thirsty people...
 - Not a man of sophistication or fashion - fire and truth when all else is wrong! Ezk 22:30

You want me to go **WHERE???**

- God has a voice, and sends him away!
 - Not man's planning to wait 3 years... (18:1)
 - Elijah sent to boot camp! And safety (18:4)
 - To learn to listen and obey, listen in quiet place
 - The "Raven" dinner, and a small stream- Cherith



Elijah & Priests

Elijah & Ravens

samaria

A Place of Faith and Trust

- Arise, Go, Stay - live beside a drying brook...
 - How hard is this? Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea...
- Trust Me day to day to provide for your needs
- “I have commanded” (Lk 12:24)
 - How many times has God done this???

Time with God

- How long was he there?
 - The drought lasted at least 3 years! (18:1)
- But God has another stop for Elijah...
- Zarephath in Sidon? That is where....!

Israel

in
Old Testament
Times



10 Miles



Time with a Widow

- Luke 4:25!
- Is there a picture here?
- Arise, Go, Stay... same command!
- “I have commanded a widow...”
- Not like the ravens! But still of God!