

THE 4 REASONS FOR THE DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

- 1) Solomon's outrageous behavior towards his people
- 2) Lord raised up adversaries against Israel
- 3) Jeroboam's ambition for power was used to split the nation
- 4) Solomon's idolatry against God



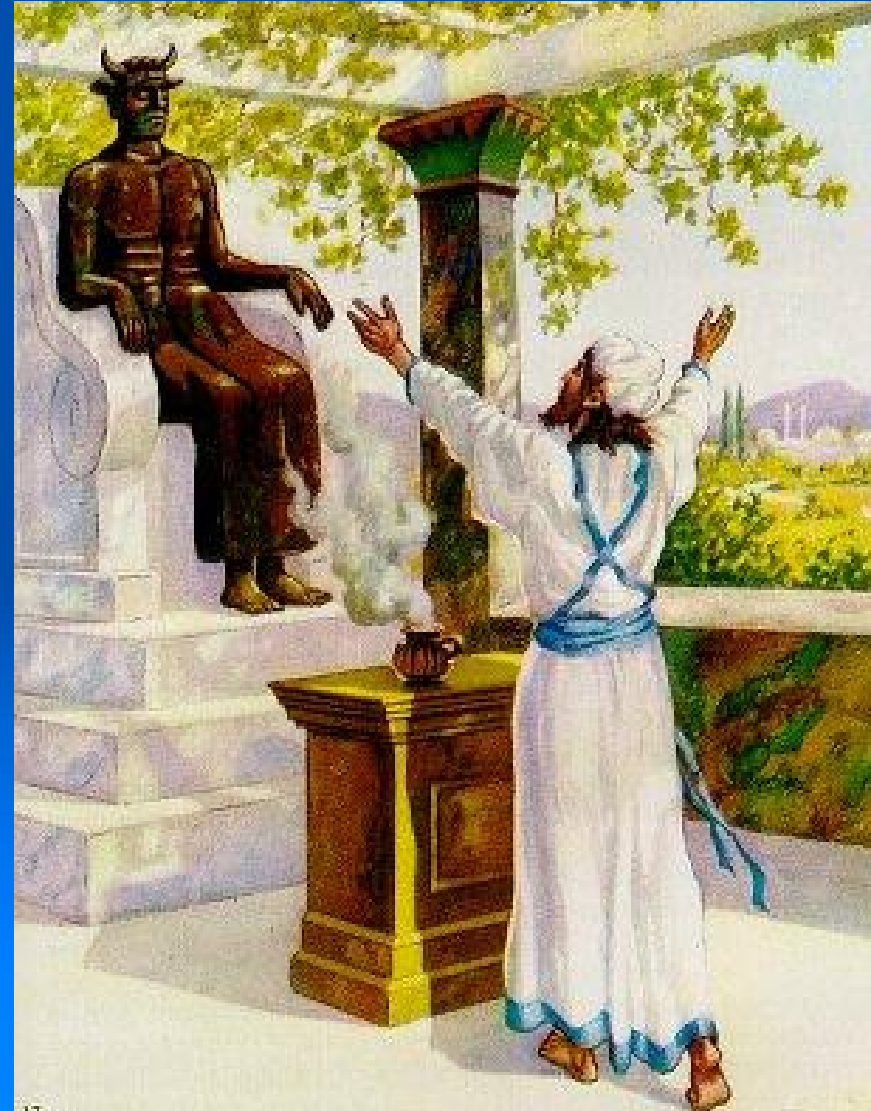
PERSONAL SALVATION VS. NATIONAL CONSEQUENCES

- Personal Salvation is between each person and God
- Our experience as a member of a group is based on that group's leadership
- How much should a Christian be involved in "politics"?



SOLOMON'S LOYALTY TO YHWH DIMINISHED WITH OLD AGE

- 1st Kings 11:4 says that the difference between David and Solomon is that David stayed loyal to God
- ***Shlomo lo male achar YHWH*** = Solomon did not go fully after Yehoveh
- David harmed men, but stayed loyal to God
- Solomon did not murder or commit adultery but was NOT loyal to God



BLASPHEMY

- Matt.12:31, 32
- Speaking about the difference between crimes of humans to humans, versus humans to God
- Son of Man = favorite name Yeshua used when referring to Himself
- Meant in the context of His humanness
- Idolatry is a direct crime against God, and is blasphemy



KING SHLOMO'S IDOLATRY

- Rabbis have tended to say that Solomon did NOT actually commit idolatry
- He just had it in his heart (his mind)
- Judaism a system of rituals and behaviors
- Vs. 5 clearly states the King worshipped Ashtoreth and Molech
- In Judaism what one has faith and belief in, is secondary to what one physically does



ASHTORETH GODDESS OF FERTILITY

- Ashtoreth = Ishtar = Eostre = Easter
- Symbols were rabbits and eggs
- Solomon built altars to Ashtoreth and Molech and others on the Mt. of Olives
- Solomon not only thought in his mind to follow false gods, he physically followed them





Divided Kingdom

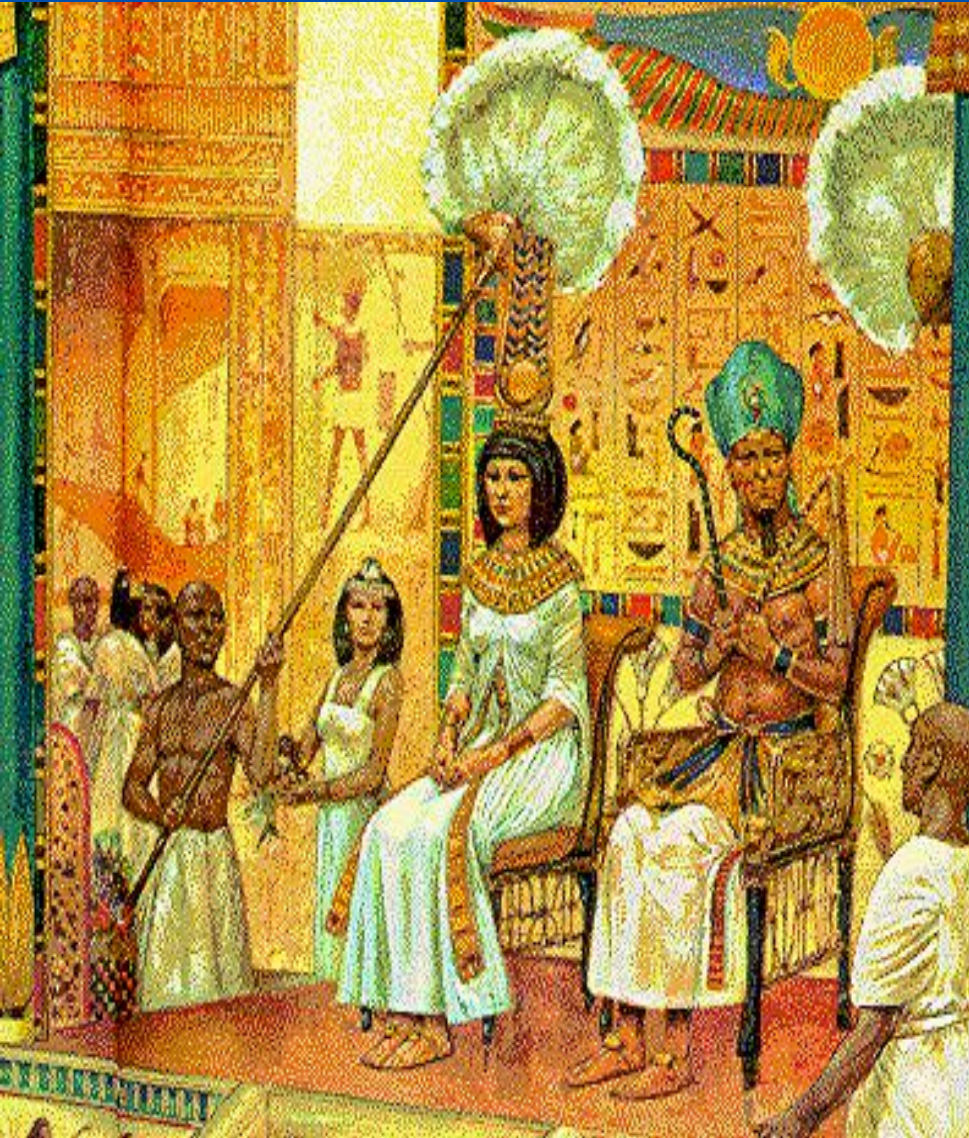
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AN OLD HATRED EMERGES

- 1st Kings 11:14 – 25
- God raised up enemies to weaken Israel
- Hadad, a fugitive from Edom
- 2nd Samuel 8
- After spending time in Midian, Hadad sought asylum in Egypt
- Pharaoh like Hadad, gave him a daughter to marry



HADAD RETURNS FOR REVENGE



- When Hadad hears that David is dead he asks permission to leave
- This “permission” is just Middle Eastern hospitality
- We do not see Hadad explain why he came to Egypt, and why he wants to leave
- Pharaoh had an alliance with Israel and Hadad could not say he planned to make trouble for Solomon and Israel

3 SOCIAL - PHILOSOPHICAL PLATFORMS

- Hadad's reason for his hatred of Israel was based on SHAME
- The world's societies are generally divided into 3 kinds of social platforms
 - 1) Guilt and Innocence
 - 2) Power and Fear
 - 3) Shame and Honor
- These philosophies are rarely pure, and most societies have some elements of each

➤ GUILT AND INNOCENCE

- Based on absolute laws
- Typical of the Western world
- Right and wrong based on laws
- Guilt or innocence defines the character, social status of a person
- NOT ALL SOCIETIES HAVE A SENSE OF RIGHT AND WRONG

➤ FEAR AND POWER

- Usually primitive
- Spirits and gods
- Natural and supernatural live together in one “sphere”
- Gaining power over gods and spirits that can hurt you is the chief goal
- No real concept of guilt





*Guilt and
Shame*

SHAME AND HONOR

- Concept of right and wrong exists, but it is not the driving force of society
- Shame in this society does NOT mean guilt or loss of self-esteem
- Shame is the loss of honor
- Right and wrong relative to whatever it takes to return honor
- Death of the one who caused the shame is a typical remedy
- In the Japanese style shame/honor society, death of the one who has been shamed is the remedy

