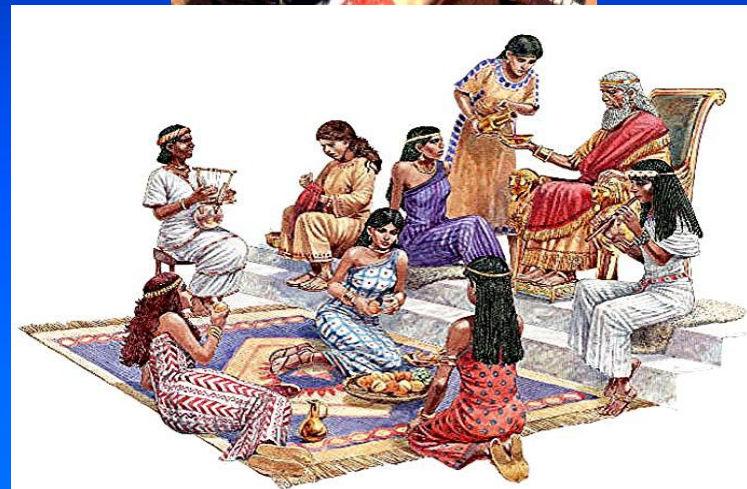
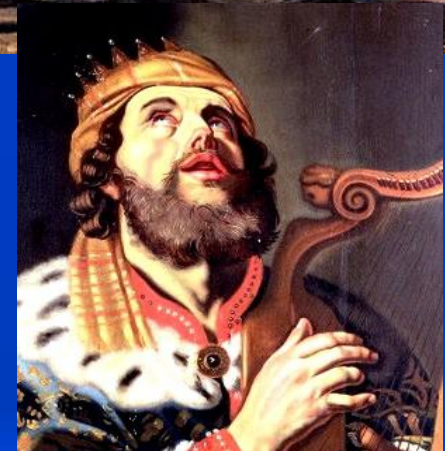




- We are at about 920 B.C.
- Saul, David and Solomon have come and gone
- Era of the Judges followed by era of the Kings
- Eras are manmade historical designations made after the fact
- Judge, ***Shofet***, only dealt with his/her own tribe
- Most dominant tribe rules the region

SAMUEL ANOINTS THE 1ST KING OF ISRAEL



- In 1040 B.C. combined Israelite tribal forces are humiliated in battle at Jaffa
- Samuel chooses Saul to be King of Israel
- Saul dies, is replaced by his son *Ishbosheth* who reigns briefly
- David comes to power, first as King only of Judah
- Later he becomes King over all 12 tribes
- David dies and is replaced by Solomon
- Solomon dies in 925 B.C. and soon a civil war breaks out

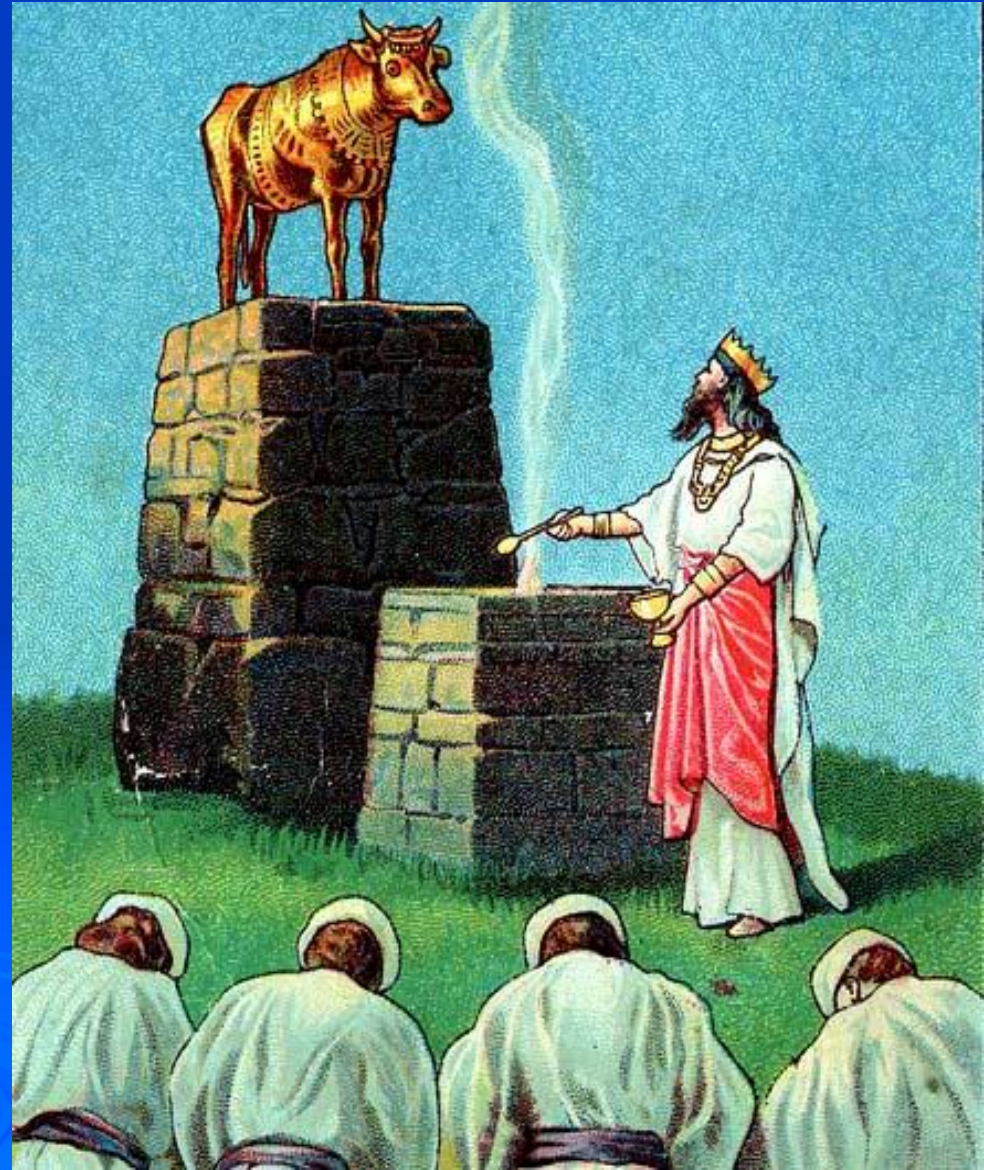
ISRAEL IS DIVIDED INTO TWO KINGDOMS



- Rehoboam becomes king after Solomon
- Within 3 years Israel is divided
- Judah controls the south, while tribe of Ephraim controls the north
- These were the 2 tribes that wanted to go into Canaan when Moses was leading

JEROBOAM IS KING OF EPHRAIM-ISRAEL

- The King made Dan and Beit'el into cult cities
- God warned him that Ephraim-Israel would be judged
- After Jeroboam, son Ba'asha followed but was murdered
- Arameans, Judah, & Philistines came against Ephraim



SHOMRON (SAMARIA) FOUNDED



- General Omri becomes King, establishes Shomron
- Built on a hill, thick walls
- Stopped warring with Judah
- Ephraim-Israel worshipped Ba'al AND Yehoveh!!
- Jezebel was Omri's daughter in law



ELIYAHU (ELIJAH) AND THE PROPHETS OF BA'AL



ASSYRIA



Assyrian Empire (9th-8th Centuries B.C.E.)



STARKLY DIFFERENT KINGDOMS



- Ephraim-Israel sought after it's neighbors pagan ways
- Judah tried to stay separate
- Ephraim adopted their neighbors' gods

ASSYRIA FOUGHT TO EXPAND THEIR TERRITORY



- Most conquerors were after tribute
- Assyria wanted more land
- Assyria often deported the local population and replaced it with people from elsewhere
- After King Zechariah, 5 kings ruled over the next 10 years
- Samaria fell to the Assyrians

THE ASSYRIAN EXILE: EPHRAIM IS SCATTERED

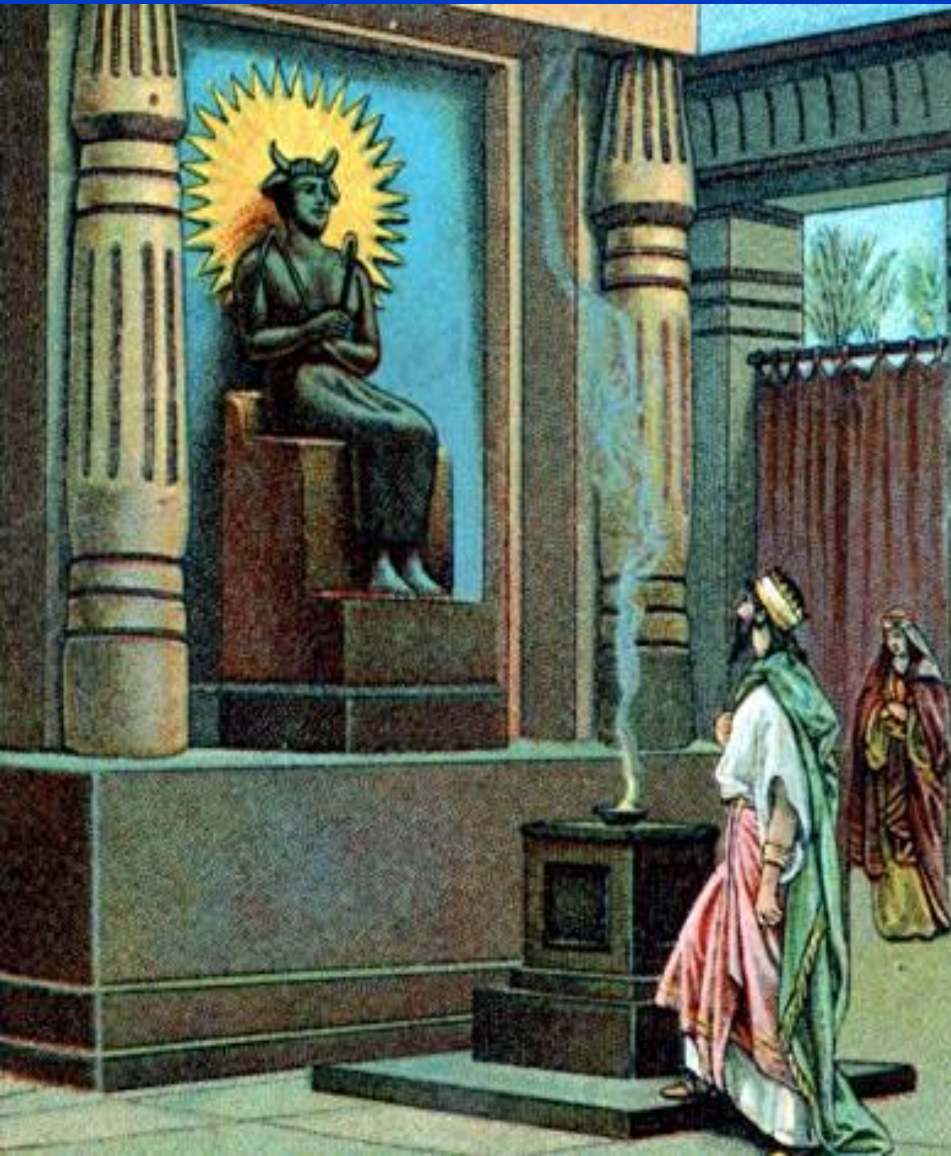
- Ephraim-Israel attacked over a period of several years
- Shomron fell at 722 B.C.
- Represents 10 of the original 12 tribes of Israel
- Absorbed into the many gentile cultures of the Assyrian Empire



WHO IS ISRAEL?

- People of *Y'hudah* now called *Yehud, Jews*
- Jews consist of Judah and Benjamin
- Levites regularly called Jews
- Among Jews, Levites were “Levites” (separate)
- Among gentiles, Levites were “Jews”
- Ephraim (the 10 tribes) are gone
- Most have mixed their genes with gentiles and lost their Hebrew identity
- God now calls them a *lo-ammi*....a non-people
- Some stubbornly held on to their identities as Hebrews and have resurfaced in modern times

JUDAH MAKES TREATY WITH ASSYRIA



- King Achaz embraces Assyria and makes a peace treaty
- He openly worshipped the Assyrian gods
- Achaz dies in 715 B.C. and his son Hezekiah takes over
- Hezekiah listens to Isaiah and begins reforms

HEZEKIAH'S WATER TUNNEL



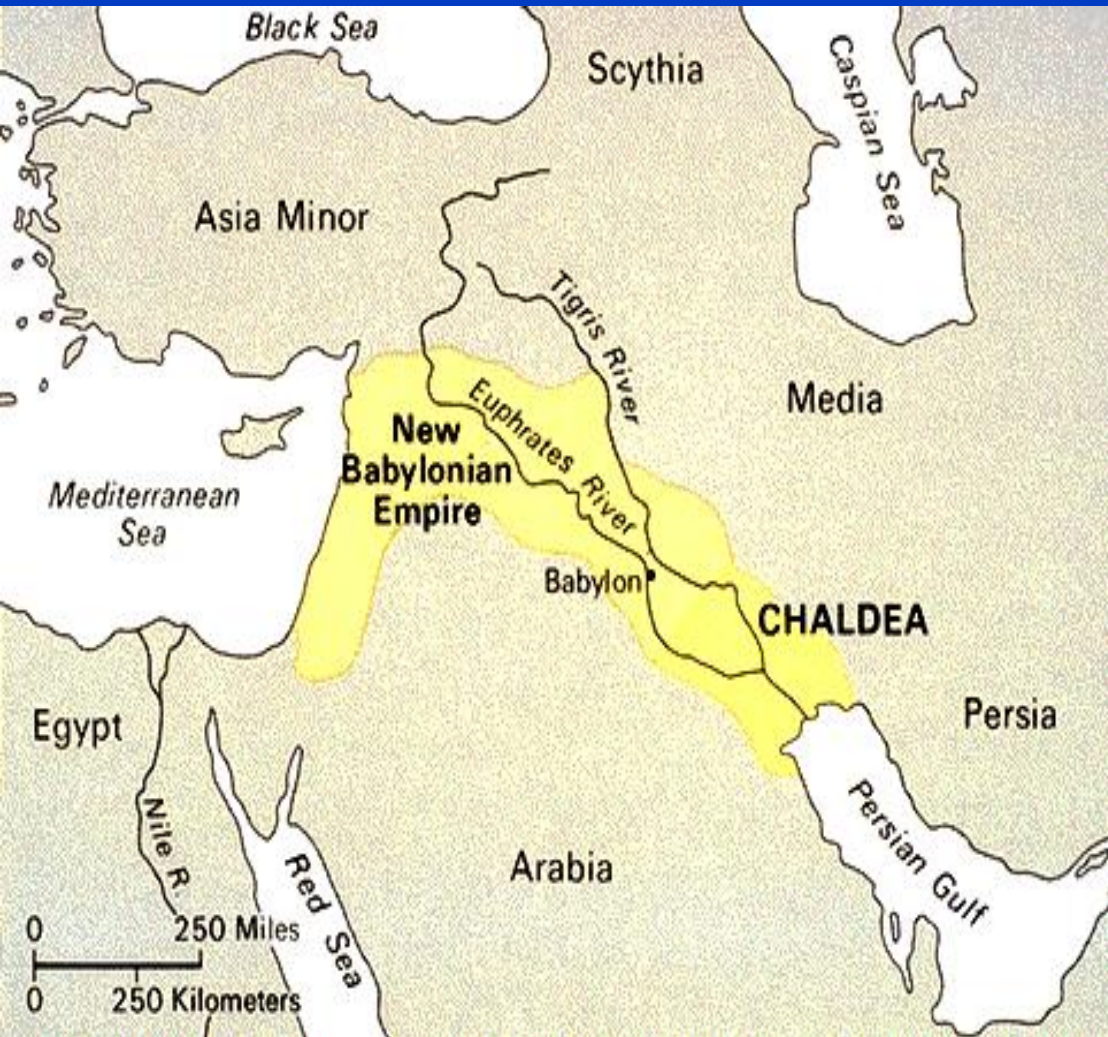
- Assyrians constantly fighting off rebellions
- At first, Judah abstains, then joins in
- King Hezekiah made preparations by strengthening Jerusalem's walls, water supply

ASSYRIA ATTACKS JUDAH AT LACHISH

- Sennacherib now the Assyrian King
- After destroying Lachish he puts Jerusalem under siege
- Angel of the Lord kills 185,000 Assyrian troops as they camp
- 687 B.C. Hezekiah dies and his 12 year old son Manessah is king; most hated king of all



BABYLONIA BUILDS POWER



- Assyrians busy trying to survive
- Babylonia forms an alliance with Media
- King Josiah of *Y'huda* (Judah) starts to cleanse his nation of pagan ways

KING JOSIAH BRINGS REVIVAL TO JUDAH

- Idol worship ended, and idols were torn down
- Idolaters executed
- Judah's new focus was a right relationship with Yehoveh
- Egypt allied with Assyria and fought the Babylonians
- 600 B.C, and Babylon rules the known world
- Babylonian army surrounds Jerusalem, Jehoiachin surrenders
- Zedekiah put in charge of Judah as a puppet governor for Babylon

