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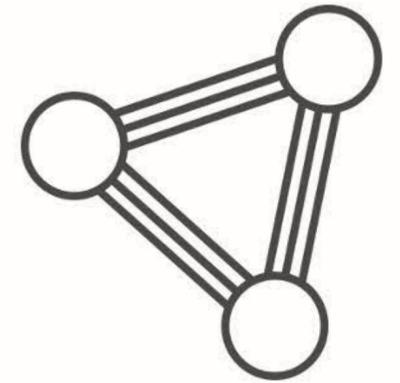
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Lesson 24: Divided Kingdom

Lesson 24 A The Revolt of the Ten Tribes

- The Ten Tribes Rejected the Davidic Dynasty**
- The Ten Tribes Rejected the Jerusalem Temple**

Kingdom of God

Based on GRACE
God would save man

Election



God chose Abraham



God saved Israel



God built Israel:

- Law
- National anthem
- Temple worship
- Feasts & festivals



Conquest and Settlement
in the Promised Land



Kings in Israel:

- **Unified kingdom**

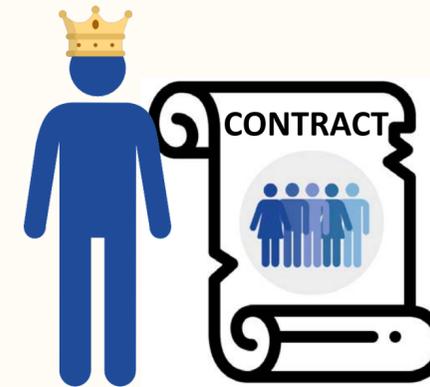
Grey shows paganization

Kings of the Unified Kingdom



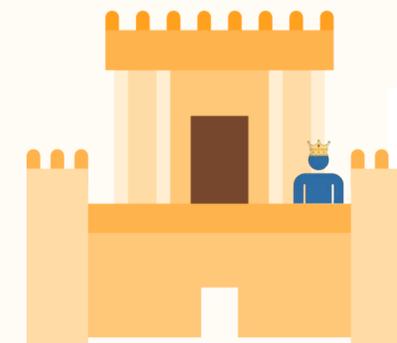
Saul

1095–1055 BC



David

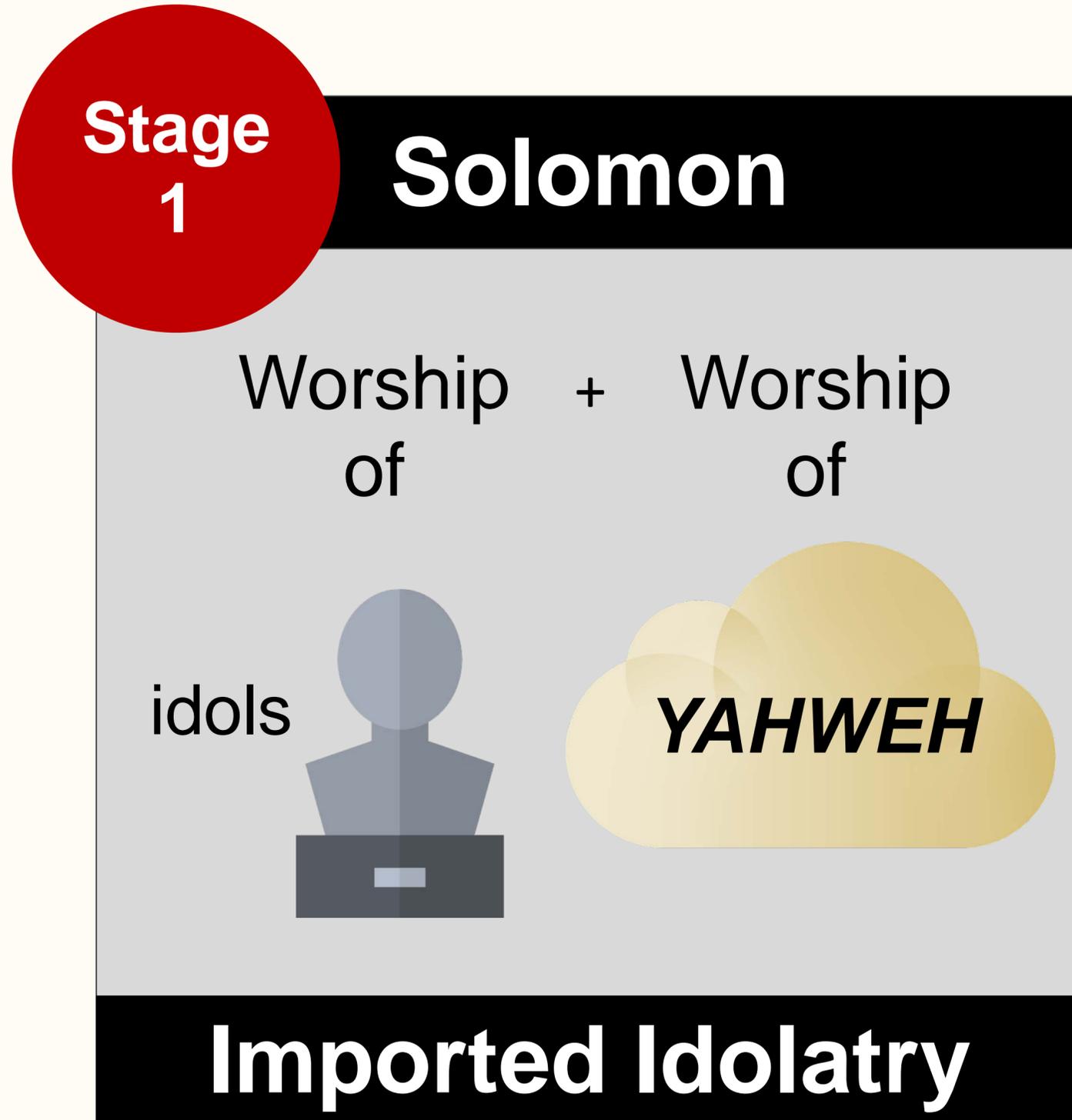
1055–1015 BC

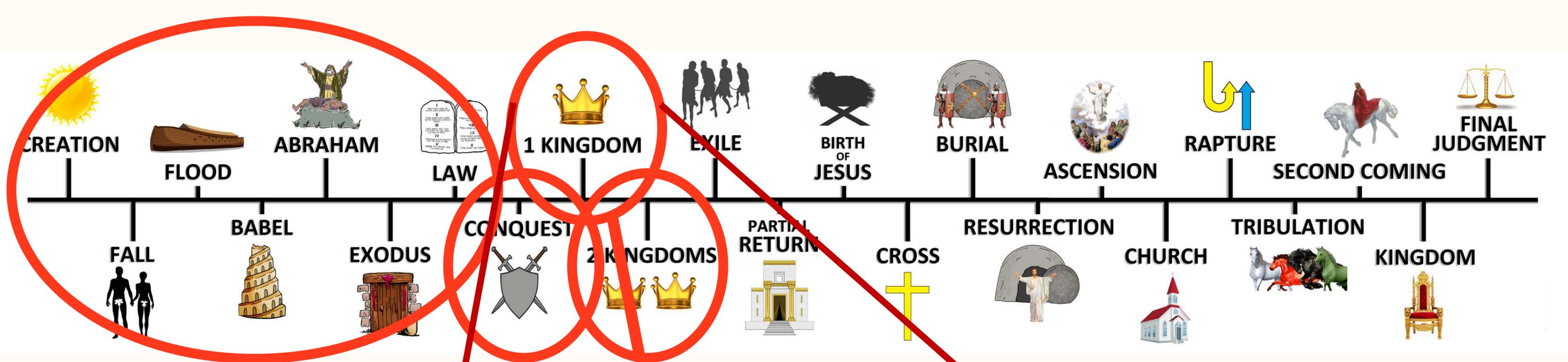


Solomon

1015–975 BC

How Israel Became Paganized





Torah
Pentateuch

Joshua
Judges
Ruth

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

1-2 Samuel
1-2 Kings
1-2 Chronicles

Kings
FOR
Israel

King
David

King
Solomon

Kingdom
Divided

Decline of
the Kingdom

I. The Third and Final King of Israel as a Unified Kingdom: Solomon

Key Events in the Life of Solomon



A. Asked God for wisdom



B. Legacy: Golden Era



C. Built and Dedicated Temple



D. Turned away from God

1 Kings 11:9, “So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice,

1 Kings 11:10, “and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not keep what the LORD had commanded.”

**1 Kings 11:11, “Therefore the LORD said to Solomon,
‘Because you have done this, and have not kept My covenant
and My statutes, which I have commanded you, I will surely
tear the kingdom away from you and give it to your servant.**

**1 Kings 11:12, “ ‘Nevertheless I will not do it in your days, for
the sake of your father David; I will tear it out of the hand of
your son.**

**1 Kings 11:13, “ ‘However I will not tear away the whole
kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My
servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have
chosen.’ ”**

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**Rejected
Davidic Dynasty**

2



**Rejected
the Jerusalem Temple**

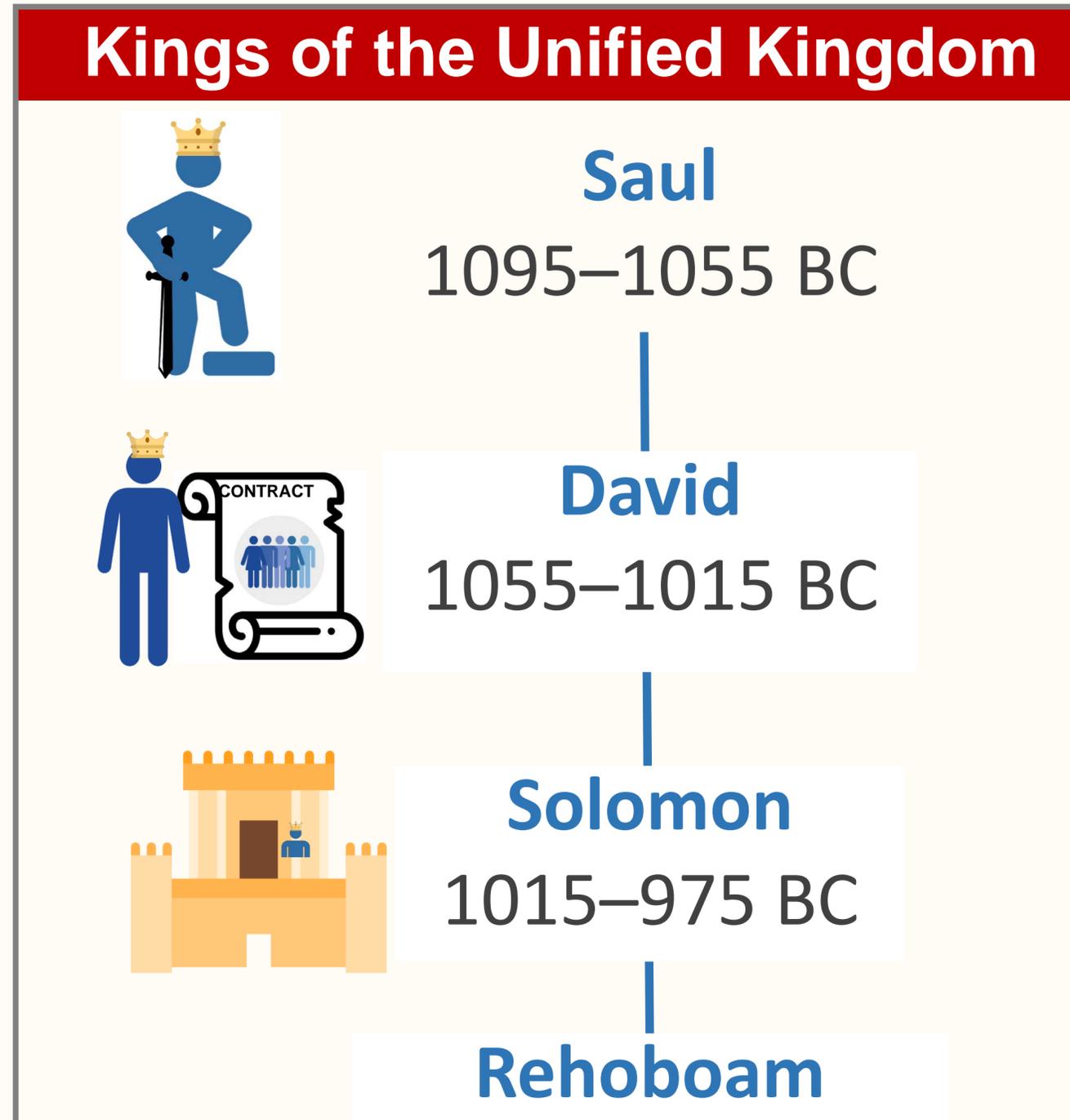
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**Rejected
*Yahweh***

1. The Ten Tribes Reject the Davidic Dynasty

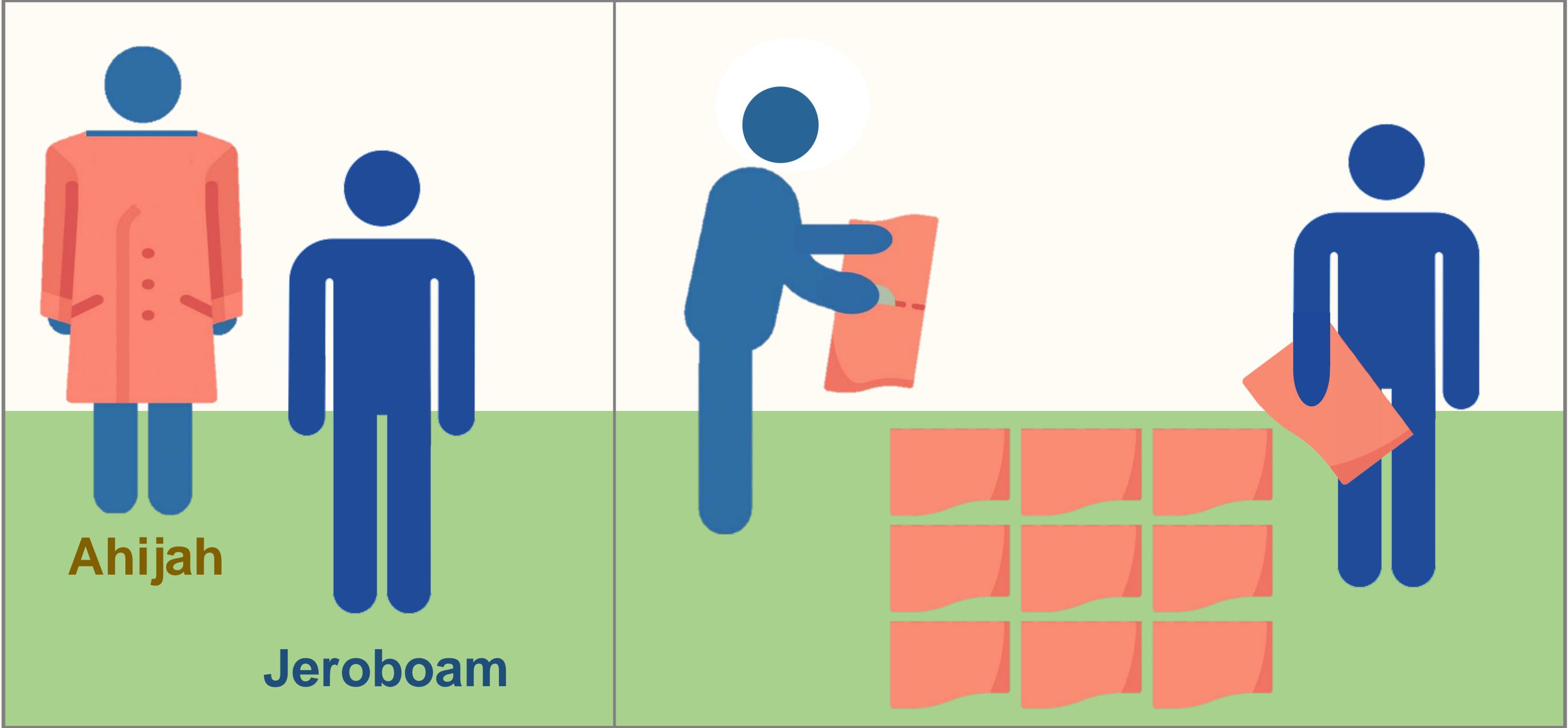
What should have happened



1 Kings 11:29, “Now it happened at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite met him on the way; and he had clothed himself with a new garment, and the two were alone in the field.”

1 Kings 11:37, “So I will take you, and you shall reign over all your heart desires, and you shall be king over Israel.

1 Kings 11:38, “Then it shall be, if you heed all that I command you, walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as My servant David did, then I will be with you and build for you an enduring house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you.”



1 Sam. 8:14, “And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give them to his servants.

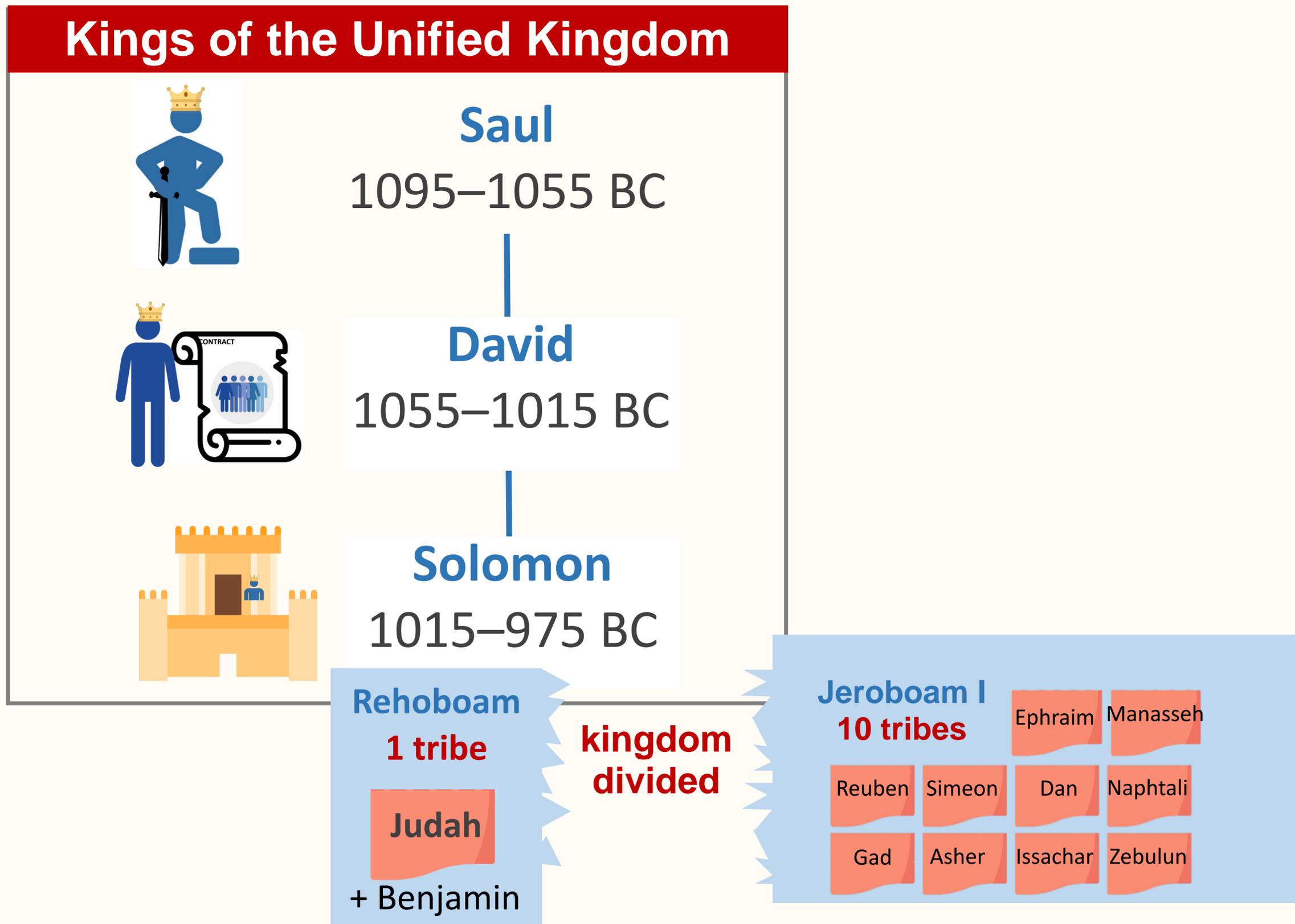
1 Sam. 8:15, “He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants.

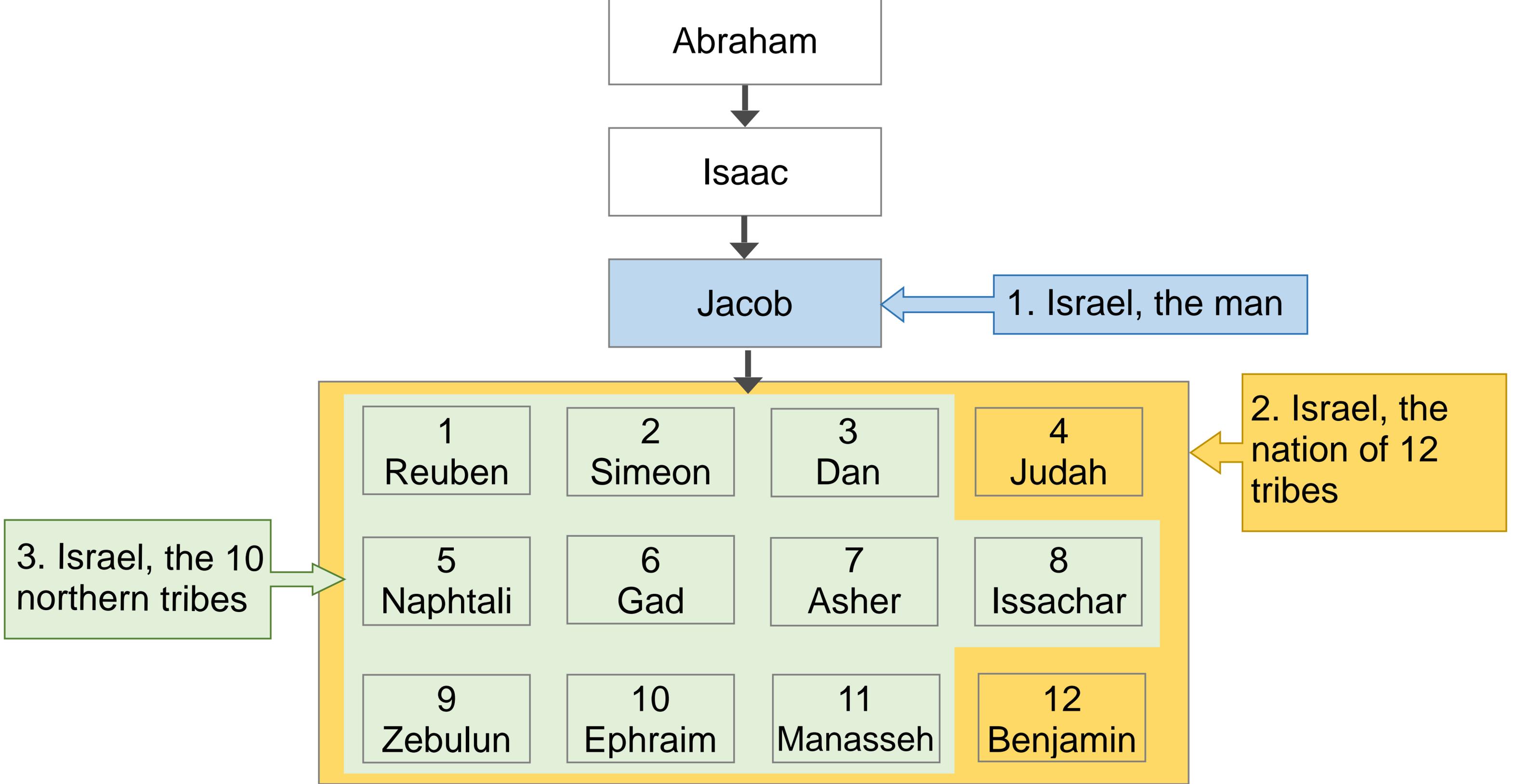
1 Sam. 8:16, “And he will take your male servants, your female servants, your finest young men, and your donkeys, and put them to his work.

1 Sam. 8:17, “He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants.

1 Sam. 8:18, “And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the LORD will not hear you in that day.”

What should have happened

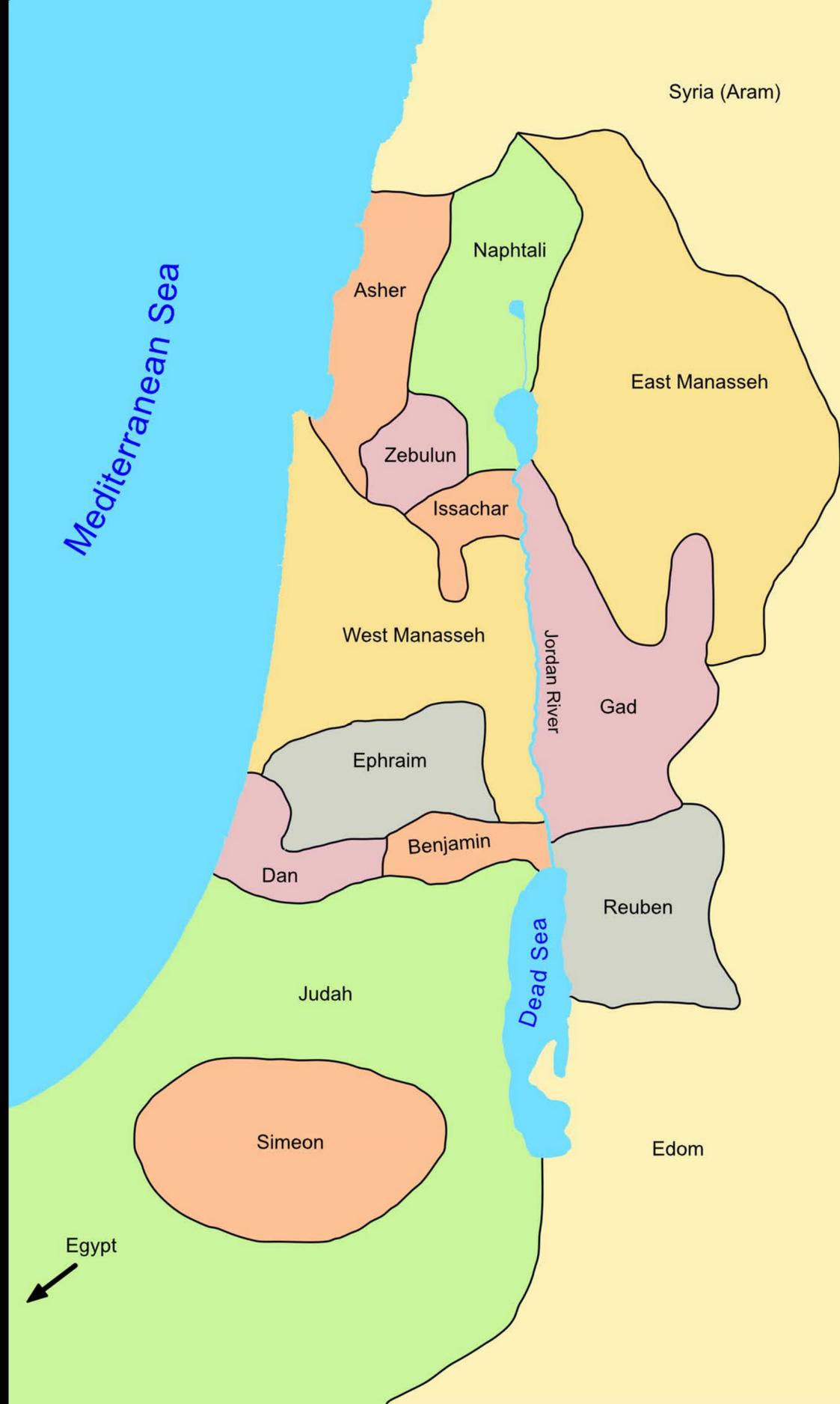




Joseph's tribe was divided into two: Ephraim and Manasseh. Because of Levi's special priestly role, they were often not counted as a tribe. Hence there are still 12 tribes of Israel.

Israel, the Name

- 1. Israel, the man: Originally, God changed the name of Abraham's grandson Jacob to Israel. It was from his 12 sons that the 12 tribes of Israel were named.**
- 2. Israel the whole nation: Then when Jacob's descendants grew into a nation, as a group, they were known as "Israel."**
- 3. Israel, the 10 northern tribes: When the 10 tribes rebelled against the Davidic dynasty, they were called "Israel."**



Creator-creature Distinction

1st level
CREATOR (*Yahweh*)

SOVEREIGNTY

2nd level
creature (man)

• responsible
choice

1 Kings 12:15, “So the king did not listen to the people; for the turn of events was from the LORD, that He might fulfill His word, which the LORD had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.”

2. The Ten Tribes Reject the Jerusalem Temple





CONDITIONAL PROMISE

IF

Jeroboam obeys

THEN

Jeroboam's dynasty
will be established
forever

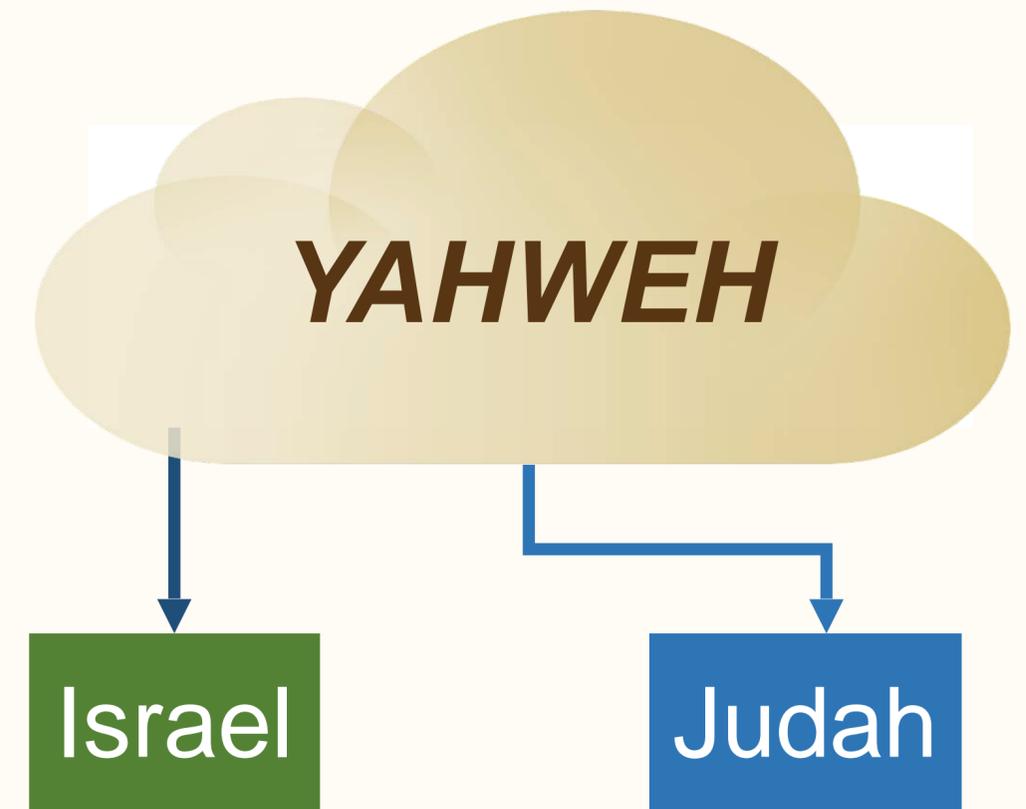
IF

Jeroboam rebels

THEN

God will take the
kingdom away
from him

GOD'S IDEA
Two Kingdoms,
One God



1 Kings 12:25–33

1 Kings 12:25, “Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and dwelt there. Also he went out from there and built Penuel.

1 Kings 12:26, “And Jeroboam said in his heart, ‘Now the kingdom may return to the house of David:

1 Kings 12:27, “ ‘If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah.’ ”

Commentary

Jeroboam’s actions showed he did not believe a word that *Yahweh* said to him.

Because Solomon had tried to kill him earlier, now Jeroboam feared that Rehoboam would try to kill him, too. He didn’t consider how he could obey God as David had done and trust *Yahweh* to secure his kingdom.

Instead, he was so worried that he would lose his new position, that he immediately took matters into his own hands and set about trying to secure his own kingdom by human methods!



1 Kings 12:28, “Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, ‘It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!’

1 Kings 12:29, “And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan.

1 Kings 12:30, “Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan.”

1. He did not get advice from the Word of God. Instead of relying on Scriptures for wisdom as all of Israel’s kings were told, he consulted ungodly people and received anti-God advice.
2. Jeroboam created another god for the people to worship. Jeroboam replaced *Yahweh* the true God of Israel with two golden calves!
3. He rejected *Yahweh’s* temple in Jerusalem. God told the people that three times a year, everyone was supposed worship Him together (Deuteronomy 16:16). The place was Jerusalem, where Solomon had built the Temple for God. But Jeroboam was so afraid that people would worship God there and defect to the Southern Kingdom that he decided to create his own temples!

1 Kings 12:31, “He made shrines on the high places, and made priests from every class of people, who were not of the sons of Levi.

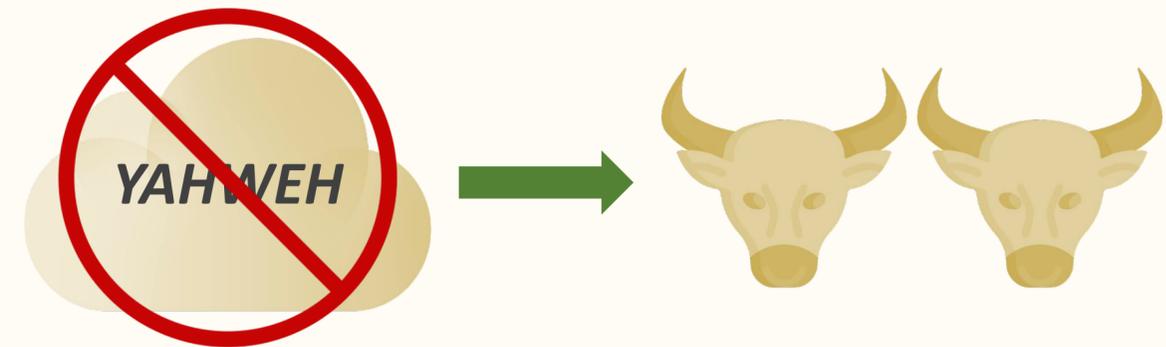
1 Kings 12:32, “Jeroboam ordained a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the feast that *was* in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And at Bethel he installed the priests of the high places which he had made.”

Jeroboam appointed priests who were not Levites. God had appointed only men from the tribe of Levi to be priests before Him. They were to teach the people the Word of God. But Jeroboam did not want the Levites to teach people God’s Word. He was afraid that since the Levites were leading worship for Judah, his people would be swayed to return to Judah. Then he would lose his security, citizens, and power. So he replaced the Levites with ordinary citizens.

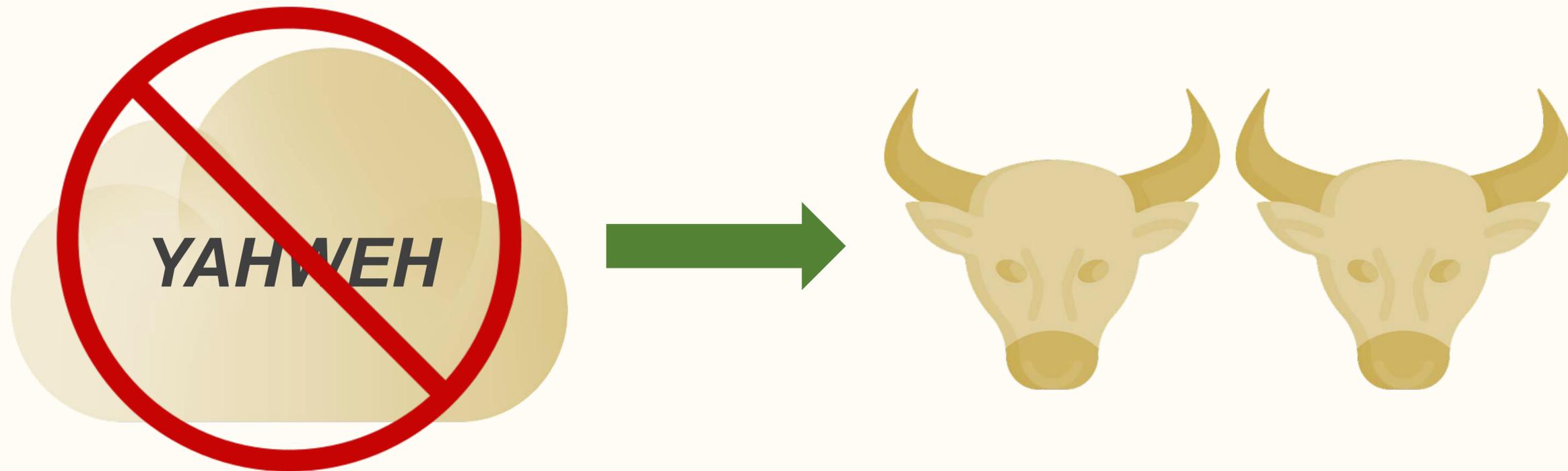
1 Kings 12:33, “So he made offerings on the altar which he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month which he had devised in his own heart. And he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and offered sacrifices on the altar and burned incense.”

He also did whatever he wanted. He himself took on the role of a priest by offering sacrifices himself!

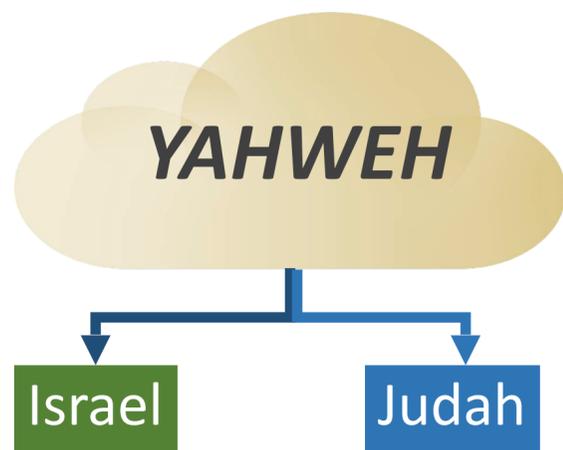
5. He invented his own religious calendar by creating his own feast days.



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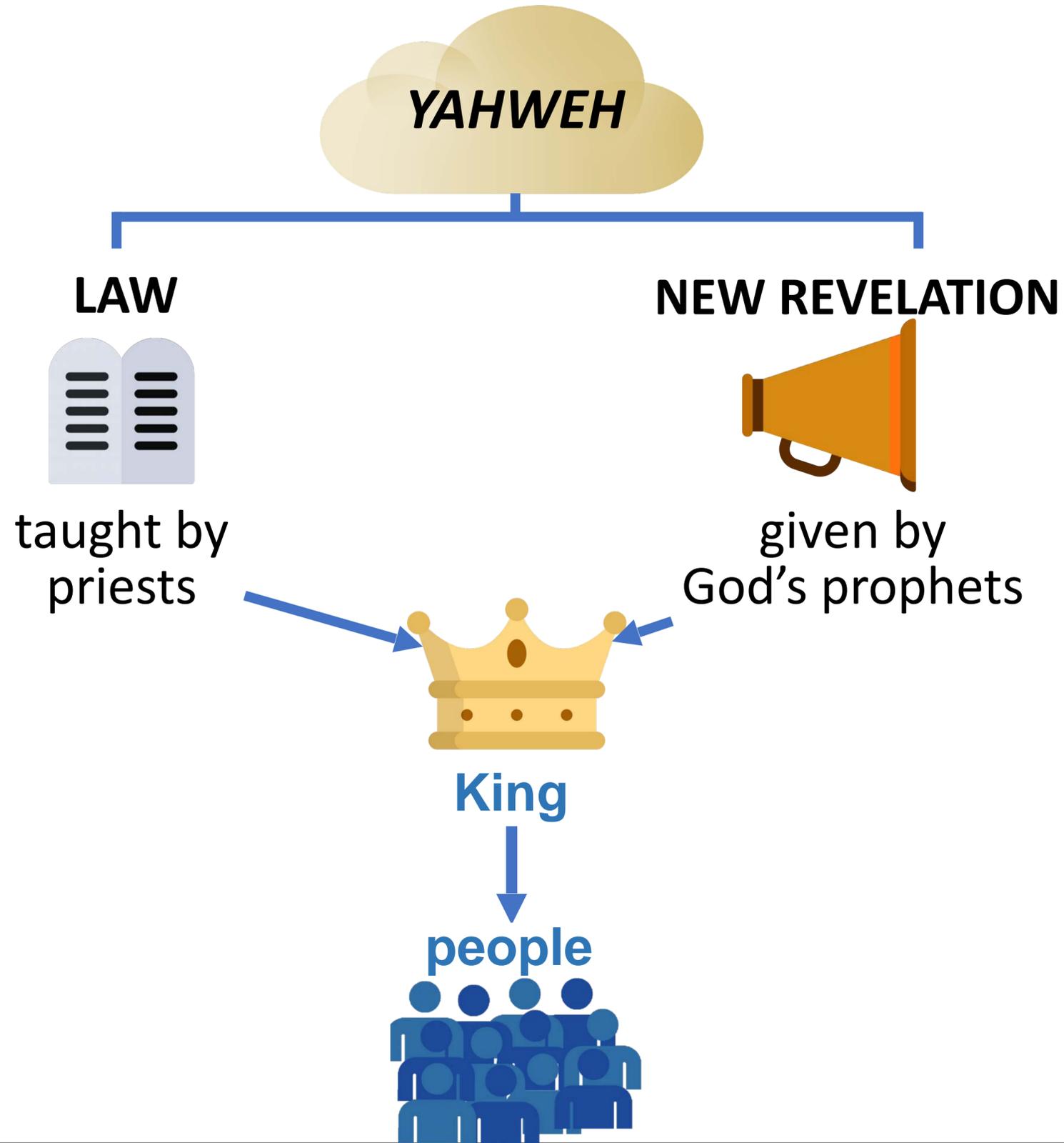
GOD'S IDEA Two Kingdoms, One God



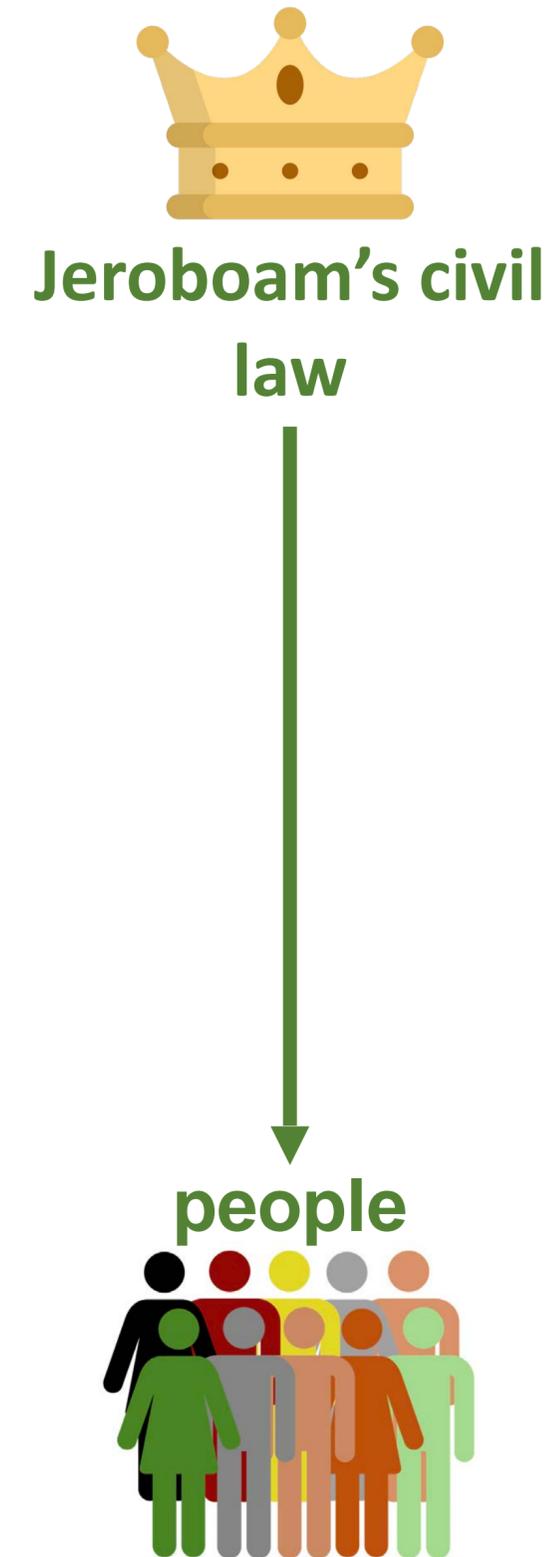
JEROBOAM'S IDEA Two Kingdoms, Two gods

Israel	Two kingdoms	Judah
idol	Two gods	<i>Yahweh</i>
Idol worship	Two faiths	Worship of <i>Yahweh</i>
Jeroboam's law	Two sets of law	Mosaic Law
Bethel and Dan	Two places of worship	Jerusalem

Israel's Chain of Command



Jeroboam's Chain of Command



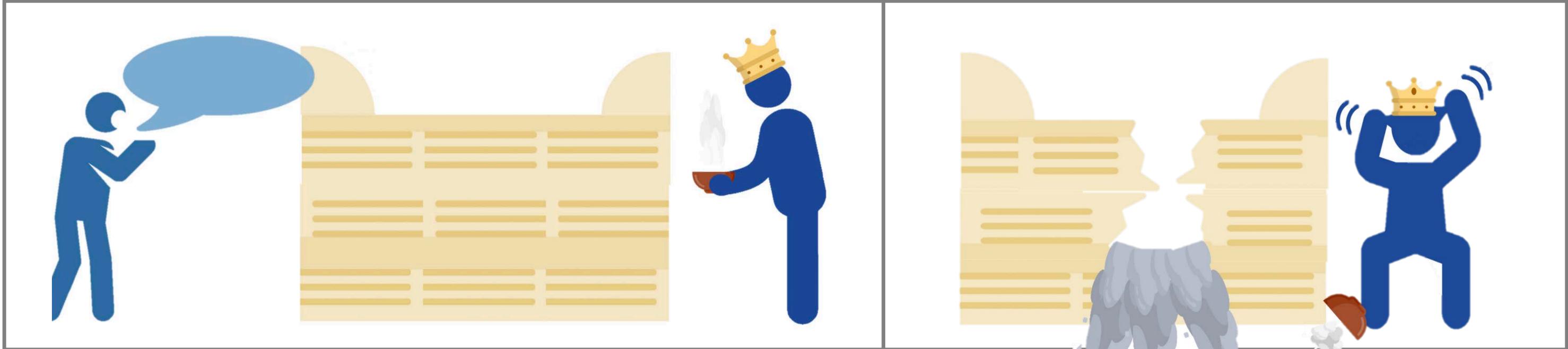
1 Kings 13:1, “And behold, a man of God went from Judah to Bethel by the word of the LORD, and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

1 Kings 13:2, “Then he cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, ‘O altar, altar! Thus says the LORD: “Behold, a child, Josiah by name, shall be born to the house of David; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men’s bones shall be burned on you.” ’

1 Kings 13:3, “And he gave a sign the same day, saying, ‘This is the sign which the LORD has spoken: Surely the altar shall split apart, and the ashes on it shall be poured out.’ ”

1 Kings 13:4, “So it came to pass when King Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, who cried out against the altar in Bethel, that he stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, ‘Arrest him!’ Then his hand, which he stretched out toward him, withered, so that he could not pull it back to himself.

1 Kings 13:5, “The altar also was split apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.”



2 Kings 23:15, “Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place and crushed it to powder, and burned the wooden image.

2 Kings 23:16, “As Josiah turned, he saw the tombs that were there on the mountain. And he sent and took the bones out of the tombs and burned them on the altar, and defiled it according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.”

2 Kings 23:19, “Now Josiah also took away all the shrines of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke the LORD to anger; and he did to them according to all the deeds he had done in Bethel.

2 Kings 23:20, “He executed all the priests of the high places who were there, on the altars, and burned men’s bones on them; and he returned to Jerusalem.”