## I. Kings in Israel

- A. God's Agent to rule nation
  - 1. Expected to observe covenant and laws
  - 2. Defend nation and engage in offensive war if necessary
  - 3. Rule people with justice
  - 4. Deuteronomy 17:14-20
- B. King Saul
  - 1. First King of Israel
  - 2. 1047 1007 reign
  - 3. Tall & Handsome
  - 4. Disobeyed God
- C. King David
  - 1. Greatest King of Israel
  - 2. Shepard
  - 3. 1007 970 B.C reign
  - 4. 1 Samuel 16:7 "LORD looks at the heart"
  - 5. Man after God's own heart
  - 6. Committed adultery & murder 2 Samuel 11
  - 7. Repented in Psalm 51
  - 8. Wrote many of the Psalms
- D. King Solomon
  - 1. Son of David and Bathsheba
  - 2. Wisest king Israel
  - 3. 970 B.C reign
  - 4. 1 Kings 11:1 Solomon loved foreign women led him away to other gods
  - 5. 700 wives and 300 concubines
  - 6. Son Rehoboam led to divided kingdom
  - 7. Wrote Proverbs, Song of Solomon, and Ecclesiastes
- II. Northern Kingdom Israel
  - A. Capital: Samaria
  - B. 20 Kings
    - 1. None were good
    - 2. Worst King
      - a) Ahab
- III. Southern Kingdom Judah
  - A. Capital Jerusalem
  - B. 20 Kings
    - 1. 8 good kings
    - 2. Best: Hezekiah and Josiah
- IV. Fall of Israel
  - A. 722 B.C fall under Assyrians
  - B. Invaded capital of Samaria under Sargon II of Assyria

- V. Fall of Judah
  - A. 597 B.C fall under under (Chaldeans) Neo-Babylonians by Nebuchadnezzar
- VI. Religion Shaping Society
  - A. Solomon's Temple
    - 1. 1st Temple
    - 2. Built in the 10<sup>th</sup> century B.C
    - 3. Destroyed
  - B. Synagogue
    - 1. Called Jews after Babylon exile
    - 2. Jews began to meet in synagogues Jewish house of worship after being exiled in Babylon
    - 3. Began worshiping on Sabbath in the synagogues
  - C. Returning to Israel
    - 1. Nehemiah
      - a) Rebuild the wall
    - 2. Ezra
      - a) Rebuild the temple and return to Scriptures
  - D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple
    - 1. Built in 530 B.C and was destroyed in 70 A.D
    - 2. Cyrus II allowed Jews in 538 B.C to go back to Israel to rebuild temple
- VII. Alexander The Great
  - A. Jews under Persians for 200 years
  - B. Defeated Persian 331 B.C
  - C. Learned Greek Language & Culture
  - D. Septuagint Greek translation of ot
- VIII. Judas Maccabeus
  - A. 167 B.C Led fight against Seleucids & Antiochus IV
  - B. Formed Army known as Maccabees
  - IX. Pahrises
    - A. Teachers of the Law
    - B. Taught in the synagogues
    - C. Common people support
    - D. Wanted to be free from Roman rule but not fight devotion to God's law
  - X. Sadducees
    - A. Priests & Scribes of the Temple
    - B. Favored Cooperation with Romans
    - C. Peace and Order in Judea
  - XI. Essenes
    - A. Priests who broke away from temple
    - B. Lived in Qumran
    - C. Dead Sea Scrolls
    - D. Practiced Religion away from world
    - E. Waiting for Messiah to deliver from Romans

## XII. Rabbis

- A. Yohanan Ben Zaccai
- B. School in Yavneh teaching the Torah
- C. Mishnan Oral Teachings of Law
- D. Talmud Mishnah and Jewish Tradition