



## Idolatry, Scorpions, and Scapegoats – Israel’s Divided Kingdom

The United Monarchy of Israel reached its high point under David and Solomon. Yet the seeds of division were sown during Solomon’s later years, when idolatry and heavy taxation weakened the kingdom. After his death, the nation split into two: the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. This division ushered in centuries of political instability, spiritual decline, and prophetic intervention.

The divided kingdom period is one of the most significant in biblical history. It highlights the consequences of disobedience, the faithfulness of God in sending prophets, and the hope of restoration even in the midst of judgment.