PREVIEW TO SESSION 15

A Kingdom Divided

A. SESSION DESCRIPTION

Attention is given in this session to the division of Israel that took place under the reign of Rehoboam, son of Solomon. The development of rival states, dynasties, and cults are considered. Special attention is given to how the text of Kings presents the "sin of Jeroboam."

B. SESSION GOALS

Learners who successfully complete this session will …

1. understand some of the reasons offered in the book of Kings for the division of Israel into two states

2. identify the different identities, histories, and trajectories of Israel and Judah

3. be able to identify the following characters: Rehoboam, Jeroboam, Abijah, Asa, Nadab, Baasha, Elah, Zimri, Omri, Ahab.

4. define the "sin of Jeroboam"

C. SESSION ASSIGNMENTS

Before the beginning of this session, all learners must …

1. read 1 Kings 12-16

2. read SOT 283-286a

3. print, complete, and bring Worksheet 15 to class.

D. FOR FURTHER STUDY

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