GOD'S LAW OR MAN'S LAWS?



- This section of the Bible deals with history and not the establishment of new God-Principles
- The Torah is where God's laws are recorded
- A new law...The King's Law
- Often we don't recognize
 the conflict between
 God's laws and our
 government's laws

- In the Books of Kings, the king's laws slowly override God's laws
- Under Solomon things were peaceful and prosperous, and the world admired them
- Quickly the Kingdom dissolved and immorality reigned
- We nose-dive into a valley of despair when we determine that our intellects and hearts are better than God's ways





HISTORY MATTERS

- History provides the context for understanding the Bible
- Without knowing about Plymouth Rock, the Pilgrims, Revolutionary War, WWII, Civil Rights era, etc., one cannot understand modern America



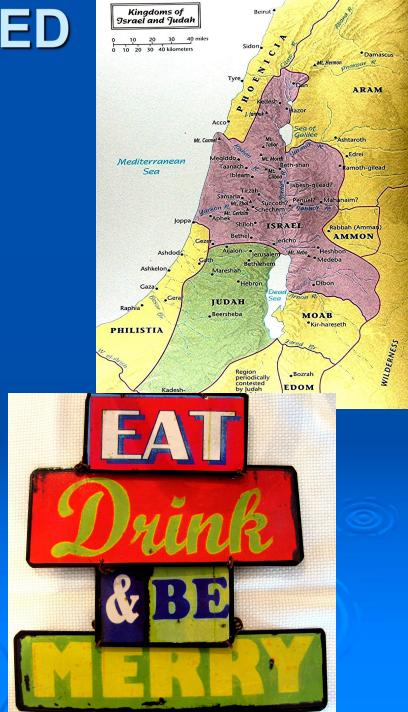
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>TAXATION DISTRICTS

- ▶6 Defined by Tribal territories
- ▶6 Defined by towns and cities

JUDAH WAS TREATED DIFFERENTLY

- Judah and Israel still spoken of separately
- Even though under one King, they thought of themselves as distinct entities
- Eat, drink, make merry
- Peace and prosperity brought a free-flowing and carnal lifestyle to Israel
- Their high-minded and profitable ways led them off a cliff and into exile

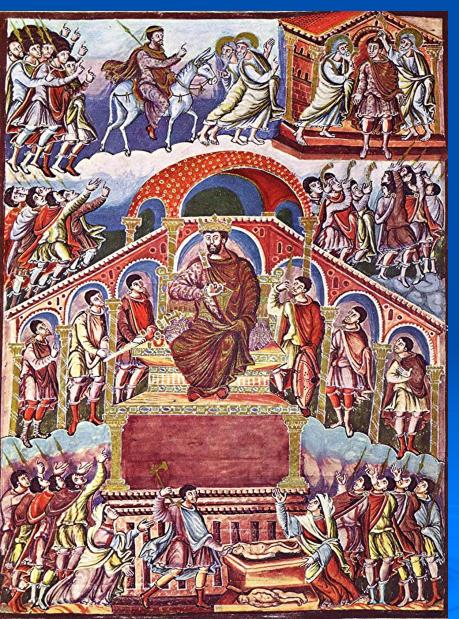


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1st KINGS CHAPTER 5

- Modern Israel has existed for 63 years (since 1948)
- United Israel under David and Solomon only existed 80 years
- Euphrates River is 1700 miles long!
- Description concerns the only land Israel was interested in: area in and around the Promised Land

KING SOLOMON'S COURT



- The amount of food described would feed a minimum of 14,000 people daily!
- David fought wars all of his life
- Shlomo inherited peace and security
- "From Dan to Be'er Sheva" was an old traditional saying that meant All Israel

TOO MANY HORSES!

- 40,000 horses probably a copyist error
- > 1400 chariots = 4200 horses
- 12,000 horsemen = 12,000 horses
- > 16,200 more realistic
- Horses came mostly from Egypt
- Deut. 17:14 -17
- Solomon had turned Israel BACK towards Egypt !!

