

Overview

In Chapter 12 the students learned about the reign of King Solomon. In this chapter they will learn about the division of Solomon's kingdom and the role of the prophets during this time.

Doctrinal Content

For Adult Reading and Reflection
Catechism of the Catholic Church

The students will learn:

- Solomon's kingdom was divided. 709
- Elijah and Elisha proclaimed God's faithfulness. 2583
- The Assyrians destroyed the northern kingdom.
- Other prophets brought God's message to Israel. 2584

Paragraph



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Catechist Background

Have you ever felt powerless? Who helped you during this time?

Sometimes our lives seem to veer out of control, possibly due to faulty decision-making or circumstances beyond our control. At some point we hear an inner voice urging us to take stock, to look at our life, and to set a new course. In a larger context, the northern kingdom of Israel was heading for disaster when God called forth the prophets to be his voice in the land. They urged the people to see what was happening, change their ways, and return to God.

Rehoboam succeeded his father Solomon as king. And soon, under Jeroboam, the northern tribes split off to form the northern kingdom of Israel. Idolatry soon found a foothold, and foreign gods and idols were worshipped under the leadership of false priests. Wars tore apart the kingdom, and poverty and famine were epidemic. During the reign of King Ahab in Israel, the prophet Elijah tried to bring the king back to true worship but was forced to flee for his life.

Other prophets like Amos and Hosea arose in the northern kingdom to proclaim the Word of

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- Six Tasks of Catechesis
- Catholic Social Teaching.

God to their people. Amos excoriated the people of Israel for their greed and injustice. You can read his harsh words in the book of Amos.

Hosea explained to the people that Israel had collapsed through its guilt. He pleaded with Israel to return to the Lord. Eventually, with all prosperity gone and the population decimated by wars and starvation, the northern kingdom was consumed by Assyria and much of its population led into exile there. As slaves the northern tribes of God's people disappeared, giving rise to the many legends of the lost tribes of Israel. The people in exile took to heart Hosea's words of hope: "I will heal their defection, / I will love them freely; / for my wrath is turned away from them" (Hosea 14:5).

How do you turn to God in times of difficulty?

Lesson Planning Guide

Lesson Steps

Presentation

Materials

1 WE GATHER

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Prayer



Focus on Life

- Listen to Scripture.
- Respond in prayer.



Discuss listening.

For the prayer space: Bible opened to 1 Kings 19:9–12; map of ancient Israel, torn in half (see text page 332)

2 WE BELIEVE

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Solomon's kingdom was divided.



- Read about the divided kingdom.
- Discuss things that divide people today.

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Elijah and Elisha proclaimed God's faithfulness.



- Read about Elijah and Elisha.
- Talk about prophets today and their messages.

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The Assyrians destroyed the northern kingdom.



- Read about the destruction of the northern kingdom.
- Discuss ways that parish communities can show faithfulness.

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Other prophets brought God's message to Israel.

- Read about and discuss Amos and Hosea.
- Use Reproducible Master 15.
- Read about modern-day prophets in *As Catholics*.

- copies of Reproducible Master 15

3 WE RESPOND

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Plan faithfulness commercials.

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Project Disciple

- Complete the **Project Disciple** activities.
- Explain the *Take Home* activity.
- Discuss/send home **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master for this chapter.

- copies of **Sharing Faith with My Family** reproducible master, Chapter 15 (back of book)

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Chapter 15 Test

- Complete **Chapter 15 Test**.
- Work on *Alternative Assessment* activity.

- optional: copies of Scripture reproducible master, *What's the Word?*, Chapter 15 (back of book)