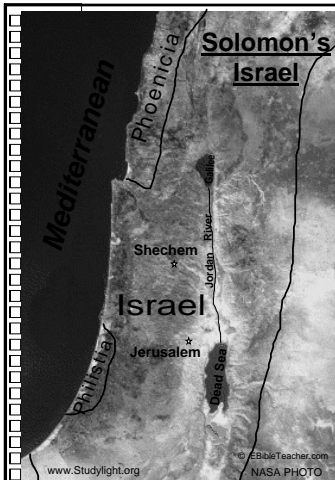
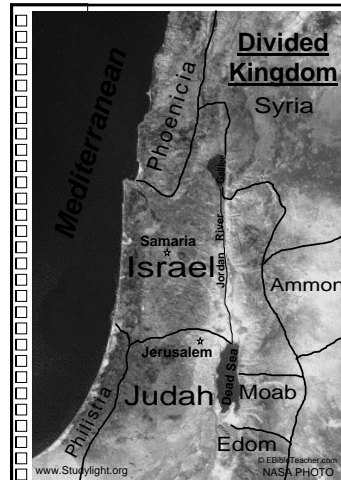


2 Kings 18



Solomon's Israel



Divided Kingdom

Hezekiah started well
because he knew and
obeyed God's word

Deuteronomy 11:18

Psalm 12:6

Psalm 119:9

Psalm 119:89

Psalm 119:103

Psalm 119:105

Psalm 119:130

Proverbs 30:5

Hebrews 4:12

James 1:22

1 John 2:5-6

**So how do we make sure we are
studiers of God's word?**

- Reflection days
- www.biblegateway.com
- Life Groups
- Accountability

**God's word helped Hezekiah
critique his society**

Two examples of idolatry for us today & how God's word provides a critique...

■ **1) The worship of material possessions**

The Critique

Phil 4:19

Isaiah 58:11

2) The worship of food & drink

The story of Joseph for example highlights the importance equitable and responsible distribution of food.

The story of Daniel highlights how the avoidance of certain foods can have very real health benefits.

Paul's writings on mission and hospitality emphasise the need to be sharing our meal tables with those who don't yet know God.

Hezekiah did not finish well because he lost sight of God's word

Those that finish well usually display the following 5 characteristics...

- Perspective
- Renewal
- Disciplines
- Learning Posture
- Mentoring

My challenge for us today is ...

1. To be readers and studiers of God's word.
2. To ask God to use His word to expose the way in which we are influenced by the society around us.
3. To be open to hearing from God and applying what He says into our lives