3-2 Notes

* The Israelites want a king. They chose Saul, a warrior farmer. He won many battles BUT he disobeyed God.
* God chose another king, David, a young shepherd.
* A prophet is a person who the Israelites believed was instructed by God.
* David is credited with writing much of the book of Psalms in the Hebrew Bible.
* King David conquered other nations and created an empire – a nation that rules several other nations.
* Tribute – money or slaves given to a stronger ruler
* Israel’s capital was Jerusalem.
* King Solomon, David’s son and Israel’s third king. He built a temple to house God’s Ark of the Covenant.
* Solomon wrote proverbs, wise sayings (a book in the Hebrew Bible).
* After Solomon died, the kingdom of Israel divided into two kingdoms: North is 10 tribes Israel, South is 2 tribes Judah
* The Israelites felt threatened by the Assyrians and the Chaldeans
* Prophets brought hope to the Israelites with their special message: being faithful meant more than going to a temple to worship, you must work for a just (good, honest) society
* The Assyrians conquered Israel and the Israelites were forced to move out – those that left are called the “lost tribes of Israel”.
* King Nebuchadnezzar of the Chaldeans captured Jerusalem (Judah) and took thousands of Jews to Babylon – this is called the Babylonian Captivity.