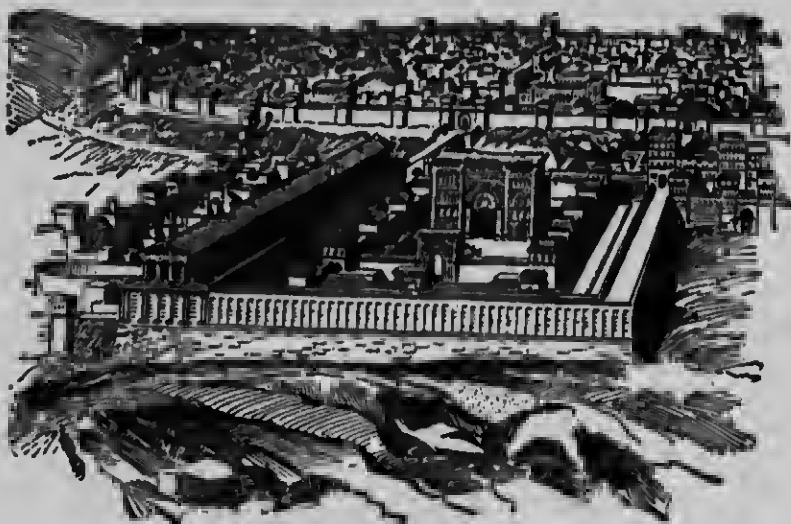


quent dynasty, they were delivered from their bondage by their great leader and lawgiver, Moses, a man skilled in all the learning of Egypt. From this time the history of the Jews may be divided into the following periods:

(1) *From the Exodus to the Establishment of the Monarchy* (1300-1095 B. C.).—During this time the people were welded into a nation, with a national law and a national religion, under the statesmanship of Moses. They crossed the Jordan under their leader Joshua, captured Jer'icho, conquered the surrounding country in Palestine (or Canaan, as they called



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it), and established a theocratic commonwealth under the rule of officers called "judges."

(2) *From the Establishment of the Monarchy to the Division of the Kingdom* (1095-975 B. C.).—During this period the nation was ruled by three distinguished kings. The first of these was Saul, who carried on war with the neighbouring tribes, the Am'monites, the Philis'tines, and others. The second king was David, who captured Jerusalem and made it the capital of the kingdom, building a royal palace, with the aid of Phœnician architects. By his conquests he establish-