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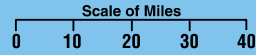
KINGDOM

1 KINGS 12:1-17

# THOUGHTLESS DEMANDS

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# ISRAEL IN THE DAYS OF KING SAUL



Mediterranean Sea

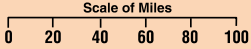




Solomon controlled this area to the Euphrates River

Israel lived in this area  
Area David conquered

# THE EMPIRE OF DAVID AND SOLOMON



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- They have no right to give the ultimatum here (1 Sam. 8:11-18).

# FOOLISH LEADERSHIP

- Rehoboam at least asked for time to think and sought counsel.
- There is much to recommend the counsel of the elders here (Job 32:7; Prov. 15:1).
- But that doesn't mean their answer was perfect (1 Sam. 13:11; 15:15, 21).
- Rehoboam's response is rooted in pride.
- There is no mention of asking God.