

Divided Kingdom

Lesson 2 – I kings 11:26 – 14; II Chronicles 10 - 12

After Solomon's death, the Kingdom is divided (Northern and Southern)

Kings:

Rehoboam (Judah) – 17 years (evil)

Jeroboam (Israel) – 22 years (evil)

Prophets:

Ahijah, Shemaiah, Man of God from Judah

1. The nation of Israel is about to be divided into 2 nations, Israel (Northern kingdom) and Judah (Southern kingdom). How did Jeroboam learn that he would be king of the Northern 10 tribes? What promise was made to him by God through the prophet Ahijah?
2. What did Jeroboam do to spare his own life?
3. Once Solomon died, what request was made by Jeroboam and the people of Israel to Rehoboam the new king and how did Rehoboam go about dealing with the request?

4. What lessons can we learn from the way Rehoboam handled the request from the Israelites?

5. What resulted from the answer Rehoboam gave to the people? Why did God step in and stop the battle between the two nations?

6. When Jeroboam became king of the Northern tribes, what changes did he make to the worship and why? How would this effect the nation of Israel going forward?

7. When the kingdom divided, who migrated to the Southern kingdom? Why did they move? What did this move do for the spiritual state of the Southern kingdom?
8. Who came and made a prophecy against the alter at Bethel and what was the prophecy? What miraculous events took place at the alter at this time?
9. What happened to the man of God? Why?
10. When Jeroboam's son Abijah became ill, how did he plan to find out the fate of his son? What was the prophecy concerning his son, the future of Jeroboam's family, and for the nation of Israel? How did God feel about Jeroboam's son?