

THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON RESULTS IN FOOLISHNESS FOR ISRAEL
(2 KINGS 12)

III. The United Kingdom (Chp 1-11)

IV. The Divided Kingdom (Chp 12-22)

D. Rehoboam, Solomon's Son, Takes Over (12:1-15)

5. The question asked Rehoboam... "Are you going to run the nation just like your father, with _____ & _____, or will there be _____ with your administration?"

6. Jeroboam & the people of Israel stated that if the previous heavy _____ on them were _____, they would support & _____ Rehoboam & his administration!

7. What kind of answer would Rehoboam give?

c. The elders who served under His father Solomon counseled him to "be a _____ to the people, to _____ them by speaking _____ to them & they will serve you forever"!

- Is this counsel consistent with scripture?

d. Rehoboam's contemporaries advised a _____ that sought to add _____ to the burden of the people!

- What is the most important thing that those "in charge" of *anything* need to realize?

8. So the king answered the people _____, and accordance with the younger advisors!

- What did this indicate?

E. The Kingdom Divides (12:16-24)

7. With Rehoboam's rejection & harsh words, Jeroboam & the rest of Israel wanted no _____ or _____ of this man's administration, so they _____ Rehoboam for their own dwelling places.

8. When Rehoboam sent Adoram to seek to _____ the other tribes, he was rejected & _____. This caused Rehoboam to _____ & flee to Jerusalem for his own _____.

9. Rehoboam's first major decision as king caused the kingdom to be _____!
10. When the rest of Israel heard that Jeroboam was back from Egypt, they made Jeroboam the new _____ over all Israel.
11. Rehoboam reacted by wanting to use _____ to _____ the nation to its united monarchy state!
12. But in the end, God over ruled the _____ of Rehoboam, & the _____ of Jeroboam. He did so to accomplish His _____, foretold by Ahijah the prophet!

F. Jeroboam, The New Leader In Israel (12:25-33)

4. This division of the nation forced Jeroboam to make decisions that would send Israel into marked _____!
- How is this seen? (12:25-27)
 - What did Jeroboam do to make this happen?
 - He made _____ of gold declaring "*here are your _____ O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt*"
 - Where had Israel hear this before?
 - Where had they seen calves worshipped?
 - Why did Jeroboam do this?
 - To make their access to God _____ & not _____!
 - What else did Jeroboam do?
 - He made _____ in high places
 - He made priests from _____ of people, who were not Levites!
 - He made _____ patterned after the ones Moses had ordained & he offered animal _____ on altars & burned incense on them!
 - What can we learn from Jeroboam?
 1. He didn't believe God _____, will we? (2 Samuel 7:8-14)
 5. He didn't heed God _____, do we? (1 Kings 11:30-33, 38a..." if")
 6. He didn't consider his _____, are we? (1 Kings 11:38b-39)