

I KINGS 12; May 21; Ten Tribes Revolt Against Rehoboam

ANALYSIS:

1. When Jeroboam and the nation of Israel asked Rehoboam to lighten their yoke, what counsel did Rehoboam get from the old men, and what counsel did he get from the young men? _____

2. Because Rehoboam choose to add to their yoke, what happened?

3. Over whom did Rehoboam reign after the kingdom divided?

4. What did Jeroboam do that corrupted the worship of the LORD?

5. Why did Jeroboam do the above (the answer to # 4)? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The united kingdom of Israel lasted 120 years: Saul 40 years (Acts 13:21), David 40 years (2 Sam 5:4), Solomon 40 years (I Kings 11:43). The secession of the 10 tribes was of the LORD (v 13). This was God's judgment for Solomon's apostasy (I Kings 11:11, 31). It should have ben a lasting lesson for Judah, but it was not. The northern kingdom of Israel lasted a little more than 200 years and was destroyed by Assyria in about 721 BC. The southern kingdom of Judah lasted about 300 years and was destroyed by Babylon about in 600 BC. Both were guilty of idolatry although warned by many prophets to clean house, return to the LORD and enjoy His blessings.

What should be our response if we believe the LORD is chastening us? Humble ourselves before the LORD, confess all sin and/or foolishness, correct any known situations that lead us to sin, trust the LORD for deliverance from temptation, walk in the truth, and rejoice in praising the LORD for His mercy and grace.

HELP:

1. The old men advised -- lighten the yoke; the young men advised -- increase the yoke (vs 7, 10-11).

2. Ten tribes of Israel separated from Rehoboam and made Jeroboam their king (v 20).

3. Judah and Benjamin (v 23).

4. He made two golden calves and placed them at Bethel and Dan and instructed the ten tribes of Israel to worship there instead of going up to Jerusalem (vs 28-33).

5. He thought to prevent the ten tribes from worshipping at Jerusalem and possibly returning to Rehoboam (vs 26-27).