

# I KINGS – LESSON SIX

## I. THE BEGINNING OF THE DIVIDED KINGDOM (12:1-33).

- A. The ten tribes revolt against Rehoboam's harsh plans (vs.1-19).
  - 1. Jeroboam and Israelites ask Rehoboam to lighten the load of grievous service experienced under the rule of Solomon (vs.1-5).
  - 2. Rehoboam follows the harsher counsel of the young men instead of the more lenient advise of the older men (vs. 6-15).
  - 3. Rehoboam reigns only over those in Judah (v.16-17).
  - 4. Rehoboam flees to Jerusalem after his appointed man over task work, Adoram is stoned by the people of Israel (v. 18-19).
- B. Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, made king over the ten tribes of Israel (vs. 20).
- C. Rehoboam's plan to end Israel's revolt through war is thwarted by the word of God through Shemaiah, the man of God (v.21-24).
- D. Jeroboam builds up Shechem and Penuel (v.25, cf. Gen. 12:6, Josh. 24:1-25; Gen. 32:30, Judg. 8:17).
- E. Jeroboam introduces a golden calf in Bethel and one in Dan in order to keep the people from going to Jerusalem to worship, and in turn losing his kingship to Rehoboam the king of Judah (v. 26-30).
- F. Jeroboam appoints priests from among the people – not of the tribe of Levi (v. 31, cf. 2 Chron. 11:13-14).
- G. Jeroboam ordains a feast of the eighth month (v.32-33).

## QUESTIONS:

1. Jeroboam was the younger brother of Rehoboam. (T) (F)
2. What complaint did Jeroboam and the people of Israel have concerning the rule of Solomon?
3. What was the counsel of the old men to Rehoboam?
4. What was the counsel of the young men to Rehoboam?
5. What did Rehoboam say to the people that could be characterized as speaking "roughly" to them ?
6. Was God's providence working out his promise behind the scenes of this conflict between Israel and Rehoboam?
7. Did Rehoboam use his free will in making his decision?

8. What did it mean for Israel to “go to your tents”?
9. Rehoboam ruled over the cities of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Why do you think Adoram was stoned to death?
11. How many warriors did Rehoboam assemble to fight against Israel?
12. Who stood in the way of Rehoboam’s plan?  
How was the plan thwarted?
13. Name the two cities Jeroboam made stronger under his rule of Israel?  
What is the significance of these two cities?
14. Why did Jeroboam introduce calf worship to the ten tribes of Israel?
15. To what of the people did Jeroboam appeal in making his plan work?
16. Who were made priests under the rule of Jeroboam? Why?
17. What was Jeroboam’s feast of the eighth month likened unto?