





AI-Assisted Bible Study for 1 Kings 12



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Headings

God's judgement on Solomon for idolatry.  



Rehoboam becomes king of Judah.  

The Israelites split into two kingdoms.  

Short Summaries

King Rehoboam decides to be even harsher to the Northern tribes than his father was, leading to the splitting of the kingdom. The Northern tribes form their own kingdom under the leadership of Jeroboam and avoid Jerusalem and the Southern tribes.  

In [1 Kings 12](#), King Rehoboam of Judah consults with the older men who had served his father Solomon, and they advise him to lighten the burden of forced labor that his father had put on the people.

However, Rehoboam rejection their counsel, choosing instead to follow the advice of the young men who had grown up with him. This decision leads to a major revolt against Rehoboam, and the splitting of the kingdom of Judah and Israel.  

Summaries

In [1 Kings 12](#), the Israelites ask Rehoboam, Solomon's son, to be their king.

King Solomon died and his son Rehoboam became king. The people of Israel

Rehoboam is harsh with them, so they make Jeroboam their king instead.



asked Rehoboam to lighten their burdens, but he refused. So they rebelled against him and made Jeroboam their king.



Application Questions

How can I avoid following false idols like the Israelites did in [1 Kings 12](#)?



What does it mean to repent, and how can I do that if I have sinned?



What are some ways that I can grow closer to God?



What does it mean to put my trust in God, and how can I do that?



How can I know if I am following God's will for my life or if I am rebellious like the Israelites were in [1 Kings 12](#)?



How can I discern God's will for my life?



What can I do when I am feeling tempted to sin or to disobey God?



What does it mean to have a relationship with God, and how can I cultivate that?



Exegetical Questions

What does the author's use of the word "abomination" in [1 Kings 12:30](#) suggest about the author's attitude toward the calf worship?



What does the phrase "took counsel" in [1 Kings 12:6](#) indicate about Jeroboam's leadership style?



What implications does this passage have for our understanding of obedience to God?



How does Rehoboam's response to the Israelite request for relief compare to Solomon's original promise to them?



What were the primary reasons for the Israelite rebellion against Rehoboam?



Why did Jeroboam establish the golden calf worship at Bethel and Dan?



How would you explain the author's statement in [1 Kings 12:32](#) that "the thing was evil in the eyes of the Lord"?



What lesson do you think the author is trying to teach in [1 Kings 12:33-34](#)?



Observation Questions

What happened when the kingdom was divided?



Who was the son of Solomon?



What did the people of Israel do when they heard that Jeroboam had returned?



Who became the king of the southern kingdom?



Who became the king of the northern kingdom?



What did Jeroboam do to keep the people from going to Jerusalem?



Where did the people worship the golden calves?



Why did the people of Israel rebel against Rehoboam?



Group Discussion Questions

What caused the Israelites to rebel against Rehoboam? (v. 1-4)



How did Jeroboam's wife react to her son's illness? (v. 26)



Why did the people want a king? (v. 7)



How did the people of Israel feel about Rehoboam? (v. 19)



What happened when the man of God spoke out against the altar? (v. 25)



What did Rehoboam do wrong? (v. 14)



Why did Jeroboam set up Golden Calf worship Centers? (v. 28-29)



Why were the people of Israel split into two kingdoms? (v. 16-20)



Prayers Based on 1 Kings 12

We pray for your strength and guidance for Rehoboam, as he leads your people.



We ask that you would turn the hearts of your people back to you, and away from the false god they have made.



We pray that your people would know your presence with them, even in their disobedience.



We ask that you would be merciful to your people,

We thank you, O God, for your faithfulness to your

and forgive their rebellion.



people, even when they rebel against you.



Journal Prompts

How would you feel if you were suddenly thrust into a leadership position without any prior warning or preparation?



How do you think God felt about the people's actions?



What do you think was the motivation behind Jeroboam's actions?



What would you do if you were in Rehoboam's shoes?



Have you ever gone against what you knew was right because of peer pressure?



What can we learn from this story about the importance of obeying God?



Do you think the people of Israel were truly worshipping God by making the golden calves, or were they just following tradition?



What do you think would have happened if Rehoboam had listened to the advice of the older men?



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