

DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM

1 Kings 12:1 - 24

Because of the awful sin of Solomon, the glory that had become Israel's during the 120 years of her Golden Age was destined to vanish. Read now about the events which took place shortly after Solomon died and left his kingdom to his son, Rehoboam:

A. The People's Request of Rehoboam: Read 1 Kings 12:1-5

1. Where was Rehoboam to be made king? 1 Kings 12:1a

2. Who was gathered there for this great occasion? 1 Kings 12:1b

3. What other important person had come for this occasion? 1 Kings 12:2, 3

4. What did all these people request of Rehoboam? 1 Kings 12:4

5. What did they promise Rehoboam if he would grant this request?
1 Kings 12:4b

B. Rehoboam's Decision Concerning This Request: Read 1 Kings 12:5-11

1. How long did Rehoboam ask to be permitted to consider this request?
1 Kings 12:5

2. With whom did Rehoboam consult first? 1 Kings 12:6

3. What did they suggest that Rehoboam do? 1 Kings 12:7

4. What did Rehoboam do with the advice he had received from them?
1 Kings 12:8a

5. With whom did he next consult? 1 Kings 12:8b

6. What did they advise Rehoboam to do? 1 Kings 12:10b, 11

7. Whose advice did Rehoboam fail to seek? (Remember David, and *THINK!*)

C. Rehoboam's Answer to the People: Read 1 Kings 12:12-15

1. When the people once more assembled before Rehoboam, how did he speak to them? 1 Kings 12:13a

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2. Whose advice did Rehoboam follow in giving his answer to the people?
1 Kings 12:13b, 14
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D. The People's Reaction to Rehoboam's Answer: Read 1 Kings 12:16-20

1. What did most of the people of Israel do when they heard Rehoboam's answer? 1 Kings 12:16, 19
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2. What did they do to the messenger Rehoboam sent to them? 1 Kings 12:18
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3. What did they do after this? 1 Kings 12:20a
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4. Who of all the nation continued to follow Rehoboam?
1 Kings 12:17, 20b, 21a
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E. Rehoboam's Response to Israel's Action: Read 1 Kings 12:21-24

1. After this, what did Rehoboam plan to do? 1 Kings 12:21b
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2. Why did he not carry out his plans? 1 Kings 12:22-24
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QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. When I have a decision to make, with whom do I consult? Whose advice do I seek? (See James 1:5; Psalm 1:1a)
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2. What might be the results in my life if I follow Rehoboam's example? (See Psalm 1:6b)
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