

A Divided Kingdom

English Meeting

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Saul → David → Solomon
(32) (40) (40)

Israel (19 Kings) 931-722 BC
(209)

Judah (20 Kings) 931-586 BC
(345)

How did it split in 931 BC

1 King 12

- **REHOBAM** was made king after Solomon
- **JEROBOAM** (Israelites) “...lighten the burdensome service...”

- Elders “If you be a servant to these people today... speak good words to them, they will be your servant forever.”

- Young men “...my little finger shall be thicker than my fathers waist... I will add to your yoke.”

- All Israel rebelled and followed Jeroboam

Rehoboam's Reaction

- He assembled 180,000 for war
- Man of God – “You shall not go up nor fight against your brother... this thing is from me.”

Jeroboam's Fear

- He said in his heart “Now the kingdom may return to David if these people go up to offer sacrifice... in Jerusalem... they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam.”

Jeroboam's Sin

- He made two calves of gold.
- “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods. O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt.”

And he set up in Bethel and Dan – became a sin for the people... made shrines... priests... ordered a feast.

Israel Kings

Jeroboam (22) → Nadab (2) → Baasha (24) → Elah (2) →

Zimri (7d) → Omri (12) → Ahab (22) → Ahaziah (2) Jehoram (12)

→ Jehu (28) → Jehoahaz (17) → Jehoash (16) → Jeroboam II (41)

→ Zechariah (6m) → Shallum (1m) → Menahem (10) →

Pekahiah (2) → Pekah (20) → Hoshea (9)

Judah Kings

Rehoboam (17) → Abijah (3) → Asa (41) → Jehoshaphat (25) →

Jehoram (8) → Ahaziah (1) → Athaliah (7) → Joash (4m) →

Amaziah (29) → Uzziah (52) → Jotham (16) → Ahaz (16) →

Hezekiah (29) → Menasseh (55) → Amon (2) → Josiah (31) →

Jehoahaz (3m) → Jehoiakim (11) → Jehoichim (3m) → Zedekiah (11)

Lessons to learn...

1. Pride of Rehoboam

2. 'Seeing' the Lords hand

3. Fear of Jeroboam

4. Sin of Jeroboam (x 11)

1 Kings 22:52

He did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin;

5. As David (x 7)

1 Kings 15:3

And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David.

6. Division in churches