



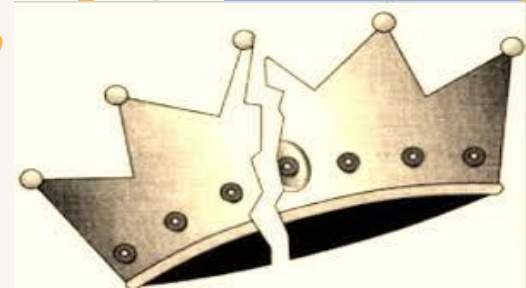
## JOSHUA AND ESTHER CLASS

### UNIT 2: HISTORICAL BOOKS



# DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM

## LESSON 12





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### LEARNING OBJECTIVE

To demonstrate the fulfillment of the Word of God, through the years: obedience precedes blessing; disobedience precedes punishment.

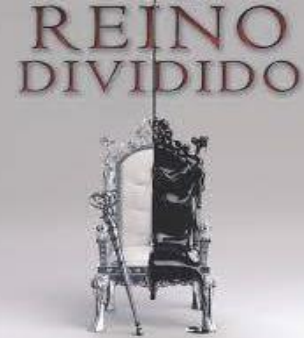




## Lesson 12 - Division of the Kingdom

### CENTRAL TRUTH

The spiritual weakness of a leader can lay the way for the breakup of a government and its people.



### BIBLICAL BASE

“Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.”

**1 Kings 11:11.**



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### TO MEMORIZE

"And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee:"

—1 Kings 11:31.





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# DRAFT



### 1. Rehoboam 1K. 12,14

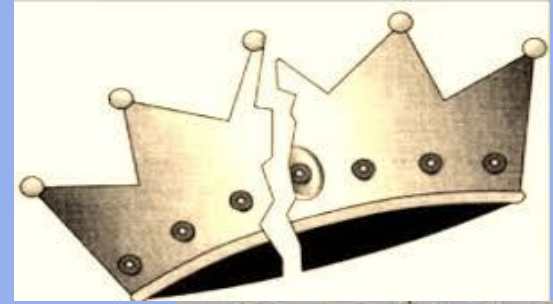
After king Solomon died, his son Rehoboam was Neglected by the people for not lowering the **taxes**; he remained as king of both Judah and Benjamin tribes in Jerusalem. He reigned 18 years (931 – 913). He introduced prostitution in sacred form. (**hierodules**).

### 2. Jeroboam 1 K. 11:28-14:30

- He was the first king of the northern kingdom.
- Ahijah the prophet announced that he would be king by ripping his cape in 12 pieces and giving him 10 of those sections (1K 11:29-32).
- His greatest sin was the promoting of idolatry in Israel and building two golden calves in Dan and Bethel. When he tried to stop a prophet, his hand withered up.



# INTRODUCTION



Solomon's reign had been characterized by the demand for workers and high taxes on the nation; this had helped the government's economy in the construction projects, for both the temple and the royal house. Upon Solomon's death and with the entry of the new king, the people requested the reduction of this burden. **Rehoboam's recklessness brought the division of the nation.**







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# OUTLINE





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# LESSON OUTLINE



**Judah was the largest tribe** of Israel, but **Ephraim was a powerful tribe**. Both showed rivalry all the time. Ephraim, son of Joseph, had received the blessing of Patriarch Jacob.

**Ephraim was supported by nine tribes**, while **Judah was followed only by the tribe of Benjamin**. Rehoboam belonged to the tribe of Judah, tribe of kings, while Jeroboam was of the tribe of Ephraim (1R. 11:26-28)





## 1) REHOBOAM. 1 Kings 12,14

From the beginning of his reign he saw the folly of Solomon's son. David's grandson did not bow his heart to wisdom. On the same day that all Israel came to crown him king, he was presented with a petition.



Just as Solomon used wisdom at the beginning of his reign, in the case of the two women who brought a child alive where he had to determine whose child it was, and in judgment all the people knew that there was in him wisdom of God to judge, (1K. 3:15,16); Also, Rehoboam was tested on the day of his coronation: he was asked to reduce the burden Solomon had placed on the nation (2R. 12:1-5)



## 1) REHOBAM. 1 Kings 12,14

Pablo Hoff is right about this comment: "Rehoboam lacked the wisdom that comes with home discipline and work experience. He was raised in the harem, separated from living with common people and probably pampered by his mother and by the servants of the palace."

Although he had an advisory board made up by elder counselors, he preferred the counsel of inexperienced young advisors, who counseled him according to the selfish desire of his heart (1K. 12:6-16).

The king's rude and arrogant response brought with him the division of the people, and with it, the Davidic reign.

Pero, cuando los de Israel  
le solicitaron que  
"aligere el yugo" de su padre  
(1 Reyes 12,3-4)  
la respuesta de Roboam  
fue insolente y desatinada



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### 1) REHOBOAM. 1 Kings 12,14

Rehoboam reigned over the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. From now on it would appear as the southern kingdom, or kingdom of Judah.



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Rehoboam wanted to make way to restore the ten tribes of Israel to himself, but God sent the prophet Shemaiah who spoke to the king, Judah, and Benjamin to dispel the intention to fight against his brethren (1 King.12:20-24)

## 2) JEROBOAM. 1 Kings 11:28-14:30



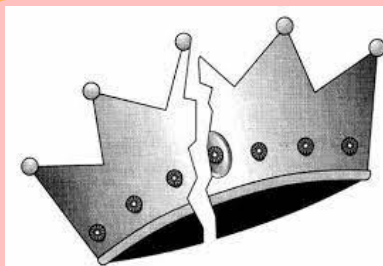
Jeroboam was no stranger to the royal court, since Solomon's time he was already in the palace and under the king's command. It was constituted on his house.

Jeroboam says: "He was valiant and hard-working" (1K.11:28)

One day, when King Solomon lived, the prophet Ahijah stumbled on his path and prophesied that he would be king in Israel. This came to Solomon's knowledge, and he sought to kill him, but Jeroboam fled to Egypt until Solomon's death (1K. 11:29-40)

When Rehoboam began to reign, Jeroboam returned from Egypt (1K. 11:26-28; 12:1-16). He led the request to the king, to lessen the burden.

## 2) JEROBOAM. 1 Kings 11:28-14:30



As the people separated from Solomon's son, the elders of the ten tribes that did not follow him, appointed him king (1R. 12:20)

Thus, the nation was divided into two reigns: the northern kingdom, led by Jeroboam and the southern kingdom ruled by Rehoboam. From then on, each nation had its own succession of kings.

Sadly, the story was repeated in Jeroboam. God had given him the kingdom of the North and promised him that if He walked in his ways and did the right thing before his eyes, He would be with Jeroboam, and His kingdom would be firm (1R. 11:37,38)



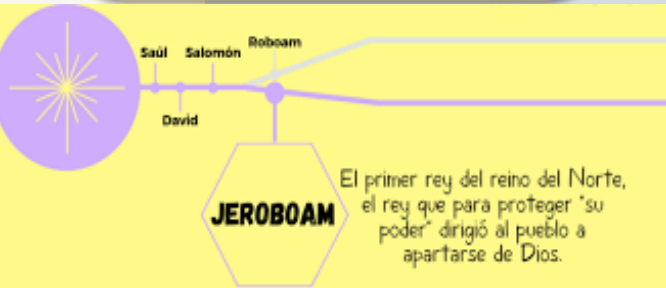


## 2) JEROBOAM. 1 Kings 11:28-14:30

But the trial came into his life, at the time of worship, he made two golden calves and placed them, one in Beth-el and the other in Dan.

Pablo Hoff comments again: "Beth-el was on the road leading to Jerusalem, and Dan was in the far north. He probably came up with the idea of melting images in the form of a calf, so he observed when he was in Egypt"

From then on, all the kings who succeeded him fell into the sin of idolatry.







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### PREGUNTAS

01

#### QUESTION

Name of the prophet asked Rehoboam not to fight against his brethren.

02

#### QUESTION

Name of the prophet who spoke to Jeroboam about his reign.

03

#### QUESTION

Why do you think Rehoboam took the advice of the younger advisors?

04

#### QUESTION

What was the sin initiated by Jeroboam that was repeated in the Northern Kingdom,?



Thanks!!!



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