

Week 20

1 Kings 12-14 2 Chron 10-13

The Kingdom Splits

The Lord is going to punish Solomon for his apostasy, as He told Jeroboam he would do through the prophet Ahijah. The division and the prejudice that was in the hearts of the people long before this will boil over into a full rebellion and the nation divides; Israel with its 10 tribes in the north and Judah in the south. Benjamin is joined with Judah because it is a very small tribe and Jerusalem sits on its border. It is a union of convenience, not admiration. Benjamin has been exploited and taxed by Solomon just as all the other tribes outside of Judah had been. It is time for reckoning.

The Outline: The Kingdom Splits

1 Kings 12 *The North Rebels Against the King*

- 12:1-15 Rehoboam's foolish decision [2 Chron 10]
- 12:16-19 Israel rebels, Rehoboam flees to Jerusalem
- 12:20-25 Israel calls Jeroboam to be king [2 Chron 11:1-4]
- 12:26-33 Jeroboam's total apostasy [2 Chron 11:13-17]

1 Kings 13 *Jeroboam and the Nameless Prophet*

- 13:1-10 Prophecy against the altars
- 13:11-32 The prophet disobeys God
- 13:33-34 Jeroboam's apostasy persists

1 Kings 14 *The Apostasy and End of Jeroboam and Rehoboam*

- 14:1-18 Prophecy against Jeroboam
- 14:19-20 Jeroboam dies
- 14:21-24 Rehoboam builds high places [2 Chron 12]
- 14:29-31 Rehoboam dies