

“Historical Books Of The Bible”

1 Kings 12:1-13:34

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1 Kings 12:1-19

Key Chapter Of 1 Kings – 1 Kings 12: The United Kingdom becomes the Divided Kingdom.

1 Kings 1-11 – 40 years

1 Kings 12-22 – 80 years

1 Kings 1-11 – The Kingdom United.

1 Kings 12-22 – The Kingdom Divided: All the Kings of Israel practiced idolatry; the worst served Baal.

Many of the Kings of Judah served idols; few served the Lord faithfully. **Some bad kings were partly good; some good kings partly bad.**

1. 1 Kings 12:1-17 – Rehoboam, The Arrogant King

2. 1 Kings 12:18-24 – Rehoboam, The Angry King

3. 1 Kings 12:25-33 – Jeroboam Would Not Believe

4. 1 Kings 13:1-34 – Jeroboam Would Not Follow God’s Warning

1. 1 Kings 12:1-17 – Rehoboam, The Arrogant King:

1 Kings 12:1

1 Kings 11:42-43

His Reign – 1 Kings 12:1-14:20

Ecclesiastes 2:18-19

“Rehoboam” – Solomon’s son, 1 Kings 14:21.

Poor leader – 2 Chronicles 13:7

“Shechem to make him king.” – Was 40 miles North of Jerusalem; a central location (Unofficial Capital, Holy city of the North). Joshua had confirmed the covenant with Israel at Shechem, Joshua 24.

1 Kings 12:2 – 1 Kings 11:29-40, Jeroboam was in asylum in Egypt.

1 Kings 12:3

Verses 4-5 – The Appeal Of The Northern Tribes.

1 Kings 12:5 – Wise to seek counsel; From God; Did he?

Rehoboam forgot 2 Samuel 7:12-14.

Verses 6-11 – Bad Counsel: 1 Kings 12:6-8.

The ancient world honored age and maturity, but our modern society worships youth.

1 Kings 12:9-11

1 Peter 5:5

Verses 12-17 – The King's Decision: 1 Kings 12:12-13.

Proverbs 12:18

Proverbs 15:1

1 Kings 12:14 – “Scorpions” was the name for a whip with metal pieces in it, similar to the Roman scourge.

1 Kings 12:15

1 Kings 11:30-39

1 Kings 12:16

The North Splits From The South: “We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; To your tents, O Israel!”

The South Remains With The King: 1 Kings 12:17.

2. 1 Kings 12:18-24 – Rehoboam, The Angry King:

1 Kings 12:18-21 – Use might to make right! To flex the muscles to make others submit!

1 Kings 12:22-24

It seems strange, yet family and national conflict appears repeatedly in the history of Israel.

3. 1 Kings 12:25-33 – Jeroboam Would Not Believe:

1 Kings 12:25

Success in life depends on doing God's will and trusting God's promises, but Jeroboam failed in both.

1 Kings 12:26-27

1 Kings 11:28-39 – the prophet made it clear that political division did not permit religious departure.

2 Samuel 7:1-17 – He did not believe or trust God!

1 Kings 12:28

Exodus 32:4

Picture Of Idol Worship In Dan: 1 Kings 12:29-31

Verses 32-33 – Jeroboam Made Himself A Priest: 1 Kings 12:32 – Jeroboam instituted a feast in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month; like the feast which is in Judah; may have been an imitation of the annual Day of Atonement. Jehovah! 1 Kings 13:1 – He burnt incense.

1 Kings 12:33

We live today in an age when “manufactured religion” is popular, approved, and accepted. The blind leaders of the blind assert that, Isaiah 8:20.

4. 1 Kings 13:1-34 – Jeroboam Would Not Follow God’s Warning:

1 Kings 13:1 – In Judah, still faithful prophets.

Verses 2-3 – The Message: 1 Kings 13:2 – message looked ahead three hundred years to the reign of godly King Josiah (640-609), 2 Kings 23:15-16.

1 Kings 13:3

Verses 4-6 – Three Miracles: 1 Kings 13:4 – Divine Judgment – Suffered a Stroke.

1 Kings 13:5-6 – Divine Judgment Now Divine Grace – Three miracles in a few moments, stroke, split altar and healed hand. What about repentance?

Verses 7-10 – The Scheme: 1 Kings 13:7-8 – Eating meant fellowship, agreement, endorsement.

A compromising servant of God muddies the waters and confuses the saints.

1 Kings 13:9-10

Verses 11-34 – The Error: 1 Kings 13:11-14.

1 Kings 13:15-19 – God’s Word is the final authority; These so-called messages from God, Galatians 1:8-9.

1 Kings 13:20-33

1 Peter 4:18

1 Kings 13:34

Application:

1. Rehoboam Was Foolish In Rejecting The Counsel Of The Elders And Opting For The Counsel Of His Contemporaries. In The Ancient World, Person’s Honored Age And Maturity, But Our Modern Society Worships Youth.
2. Success In Life Depends On Doing God's Will And Trusting God's Promises, But Jeroboam Failed In Both.
3. No Matter If A Person Is A King Or A Prophet, One Must Remain Faithful To God’s Commands. A Compromising Servant Of God Muddies The Waters And Confuses The Saints.
4. If The Lord Punished A Deceived Prophet For His Disobedience, How Much More Would He Punish A Wicked King Who Was Sinning With His Eyes Wide Open?