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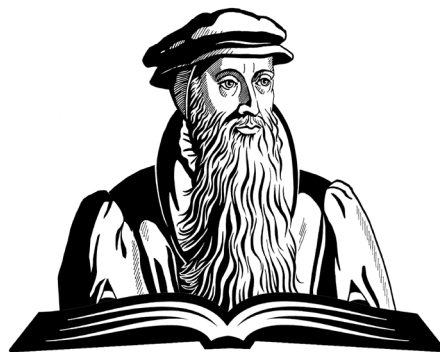
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Lesson 70

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The First Book of the Kings, chapters 11 thru 14,
and the Second Book of Chronicles, chapters 10 thru 12

Memory Verse

“And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.”

1 Kings 14:30

Historical Summary

Despite all the good things that Solomon did in building the house of God, he also had a major fault in his life. He loved many strange women, and they drew his heart away from following God fully, and he allowed idolatry. The Lord was angry with Solomon because of this sin, and before Solomon died God told him he would punish his sins by dividing the kingdom in two.

In the later years of Solomon’s life, Hadad the Edomite came up against Solomon. Also, Ahijah anointed Jeroboam to be the future king over part of Israel. This made Solomon angry, and he wanted to kill Jeroboam. So Jeroboam fled from Solomon, and it was not until later that Jeroboam actually gained control of ten of the tribes of Israel. Solomon died after reigning in Jerusalem over an undivided kingdom for 40 years.

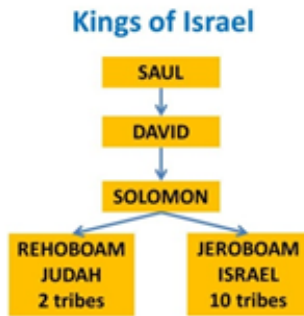


After Solomon died, all Israel came to Shechem to make Solomon’s son Rehoboam king. Jeroboam came with his men also, and said that if Rehoboam would treat the people kindly, they would not rebel. But Rehoboam followed the advice of his young counselors, and told them he would treat them even more harshly than his father. So ten of the tribes of Israel rebelled and made Jeroboam their king. Rehoboam gathered an army from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin to force the other ten tribes to return, so he could reign over all of Israel. But the prophet Shemaiah

came to Rehoboam and told him this was God’s will, so Rehoboam did not go out to fight.

The law of God required the people to come to the temple at Jerusalem in Judah three times a year to make sacrifice and worship God. Jeroboam wanted to prevent the ten tribes from going back into Judah, so he made two alters with golden calves, and set up one in Bethel and one in Dan, and told the people, “Behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.” This began many years of terrible idolatry throughout the land.

Jeroboam wanted to make his kingdom secure by appointing these new places of worship, but this was an act of rebellion against God. A prophet from Judah came to warn Jeroboam of his



wickedness, but Jeroboam refused to hear, and commanded his men to arrest the prophet. But the Lord struck Jeroboam so that he could not move his arm. The prophet then prayed, and his arm was restored again. This made it clear that the prophet spoke in God's name. Jeroboam then invited the prophet to come to his house and eat with him. But God had told the prophet he was not allowed to stay in this wicked land. On his way home, he did stay with an old prophet in the land, and for this he died. Disobedience, even in God's children, is never cheap.

The hand of God was clearly against the house of Jeroboam for his wickedness and for his rebellion against God. When his son Abijah became sick, he told his wife to disguise herself and seek help from the prophet Ahijah. But Ahijah sent a message of rebuke to Jeroboam because the ten tribes of Israel had turned away from God, and Jeroboam led them in this wickedness. For this reason, his son Abijah would die, and all of his other sons would come to a violent end. Jeroboam reigned over the ten tribes of Israel for 22 years, and then he died.

Meanwhile, Rehoboam's kingdom of Judah also forsook the Lord. They built high places and images, and they allowed sodomy in the land. For this reason, the Lord sent Shishak king of Egypt against the house of Judah, and he took away many of the treasures from the house of the Lord. Also, there was war between the house of Rehoboam and the house of Jeroboam for as long as they lived. When Rehoboam died, his son Abijam reigned in his place.

The Gospel in the Old Testament

The nation of Israel was a theocratic nation. It was to be ruled according to the law of God. The prophets had a very important task. They were to instruct the people and warn them when they turned away from God's Word. How often the people were reminded by the prophets that they were wicked and that they needed forgiveness! But where could forgiveness be found? Sometimes they would speak of the Redeemer, the one who would come and redeem Israel from all their iniquities. This caused many to cry out for mercy, pardon, and cleansing. Forgiveness and redemption can only be found in the suffering, dying, and risen Savior of sinners, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Questions

1. The Lord became angry with Solomon because:
 - a. He built the temple from his own design.
 - b. He married so many wives and allowed idolatry.
 - c. He fought so many battles.
 - d. He tried to remove his father David from the throne.

2. Jeroboam rebelled against Rehoboam because:
 - a. He had taken some of Jeroboam's wives.
 - b. Rehoboam listened to the advice of old men.
 - c. Rehoboam was planning to be a harsh king.
 - d. They were men who grew up in two different nations.

3. Why did Jeroboam place altars in Bethel and Dan?
 - a. Because that was where he lived.
 - b. He wanted his people to avoid going to Jerusalem.
 - c. That is where God told him to build an altar.
 - d. Because Bethel was a favorite city of Rehoboam.

4. Why was the prophet from Judah slain by a lion on his way home?
 - a. Because he had disobeyed the command of God about staying in Bethel.
 - b. He had taken the wrong way home through the wilderness.
 - c. He didn't have any weapons to defend himself.
 - d. He was killed when his donkey was attacked.

5. Which of the following is true concerning the kingdoms of Rehoboam and Jeroboam?
 - a. All the sons of Rehoboam died while he was still living.
 - b. The wife of Rehoboam disguised herself when she went to Bethel.
 - c. Israel was a good nation, but Judah was a wicked nation.
 - d. Both Jeroboam and Rehoboam sinned grievously against God.

Essay Questions

1. Why did the Lord rend part of the kingdom away from Solomon's son Rehoboam?

2. What was the difference in the advice that Rehoboam received from his old advisors and from his young advisors? Which ones gave him wise advice?

3. Name two clear signs that were given to show that the altars in Bethel and Dan were not in God's favor.

4. Why did Jeroboam send his wife, and tell her to disguise herself when she went to speak to the prophet Ahijah, the prophet who had anointed him king over Israel?

5. How did the task of the Old Testament prophets lead the people of Israel, even their kings, to consider their need for forgiveness of sins? Where alone can forgiveness be found?
