

“Rehoboam’s Folly”

1 Ki 12:1-24, 14:21-31

I. The Divided Kingdom

A) A Pivotal Beginning

Issue: *Forced Labor*

Decision: *What should he do?*

→ Asked the experienced from Solomon’s generation

1 Kings 12:6-7; 1 Kings 12:8

→ Asked his peers

1 Kings 12:9-11

Answer: *the North abandons the house of David*

1 Kings 12:12-16

Proverbs 15:1 - God’s Eternal Covenant with David = 2 Samuel 7:15-16

B) An Attempt *regain* Control

1 Kings 12:18-19

C) Potential Foci and Life Lessons

- 1) Foolishness of Ignoring Older, Wiser Counsel
- 2) Foolishness of Ignoring the people you are serving
- 3) Presumption that Position Equates with Followership

II. The Sovereign King

A) The Programmer Behind the Program

****1 Kings 12:15; 1 Kings 11:29-35**

Reason for Divided Kingdom?

- 1) Forsaken God - worshipped other gods (Ashtoreth, Chemosh, Milcom)
- 2) Israel had not walked in God’s ways - not done what is right and kept God’s rules and laws ... see 1 Kings 12:15

B) An Intervention of Mercy

1) The LORD Prevents a Civil War

1 Kings 12:21-24

2) The LORD Keeps His Promise to David

1 Kings 12:20

God keeps all His promises to YOU!

3) The LORD spares Israel from Egypt Enslavement

1 Kings 14:22-26; 2 Chronicles 12:5-8