

2 Chronicles 10

King James Version (KJV)

(Read 1 Kings Chp.11 first. God pronounced that Israel would be divided after Solomon's death, because of his perversion and idol worship. His son Rehoboam would only keep 2 of the 12 tribes)

10 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king. (Shechem is in Ephraim, where Jeroboam is from. Jeroboam would get 10 tribes; Rehoboam would only get 2 tribes - Judah and Benjamin)

²And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was in Egypt, whither he fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard it, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. (Solomon wanted to kill him to keep him from becoming king of the 10 northern tribes - as Ahijah the prophet had prophesied)

³And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying, (They will ask for relief from the forced labor in return for their allegiance to the new king <Rehoboam>)

⁴Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee. (Solomon was overworking and overtaxing the people. He put Israelites to forced labor and heavy taxation to fund his building appetite)

(Solomon had become a bad king, in his later years. God warned them that this is what a man king would do to them, but they wouldn't listen) See 1Samuel-8:4-22

⁵And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed. (Rehoboam wants to think about it)

⁶And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people? (These were advisers to Solomon. They were men who had lived awhile, so they had some life wisdom and experience)

⁷And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever. (Be a good and merciful king and they will serve you. This is good advice. Rehoboam won't listen)

⁸ But he forsook the counsel which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him. (His buddies – they had no life experience and little common sense. This generation had only known peace and luxury under Solomon. They had no idea what hard times, discord or even war might be like)

⁹ And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us?

¹⁰ And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. (This is a figure of speech - He's going to be much tougher on them than his father Solomon was)

(Rehoboam is an entitled, spoiled brat. He seems to have inherited all of Solomon's evil and selfish ways. That is the mark of a terrible king)

¹¹ For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. (A scorpion is a whip that has a metal barb at the end of each strand. It is far more painful than a regular whip)

¹² So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day. (Jeroboam had already been told by God, through the prophet that this was not going to go well. He must have been prepared to act on Rehoboam's bad answer)

¹³ And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men, (Rehoboam also never asked God's counsel. He was raised in the idol worship of his father Solomon and his heathen wives)

NOTE: (Today - our generation threw God out of our schools in the 60's. The result is that the younger generations are atheists and narcissists. They have no regard for morals or for other people. They are also selfish entitled brats with no concept of what real life is like. They will learn a hard lesson in their lifetime)

¹⁴ And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
(Rehoboam gave them the worst answer possible. He is an entitled fool. He is an egomaniac, and lacked any common sense)

¹⁵ So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

1Kings-11:29->and on (God judged Solomon and his house for his idol worship and sexual perversion. God knew that Rehoboam was as worthless as his father Solomon had become)

¹⁶ And when all Israel saw that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? and we have none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: and now, David, see to thine own house. So all Israel went to their tents. (David was of the tribe of Judah. Ephraim & Judah were always rivals. It didn't take much goading to cause the separation. Their calling out of David was symbolic for Ephraim calling out Judah. "You mind your business and we will mind our own business". They have no intention of being subservient to the kings of Judah any longer)

NOTE: (God promised <through Jacob, when he blessed his sons> that the king line would always be through Judah. This caused Ephraim to have a lot of anger against Judah. Mary was a descendant of David through Nathan. Jesus would be the last and greatest King of the line of Judah. HE and will rule forever)

¹⁷ But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. (These are people of other tribes that were living in Judah. Simeon was also located inside Judah)

¹⁸ Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that was over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. (His tax man <Hadoram> was executed by the people. Rehoboam barely escaped with his life)

¹⁹ And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day. (The split of 10 tribes against 2 tribes was fulfilled. Even today, the house of

Judah is back in Israel while the houses of the 10 tribes are in Europe and North America)

(When Jesus returns at the 7th Trump, He will reunite the 12 tribes forever, and rule over them)