

1 Kings 12

King James Version (KJV) (all Israel becomes 2 nations)

12 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. (All 12 tribes – it won't take him long to lose 10 of them)

²And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of it, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;)

³That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying, (They saw Jeroboam as a speaker for the people)

⁴Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. (Solomon created a lot of hate and resentment with his forced labor of the people, while he lived in luxury and decadence. Very different than David, whom the people loved)

Mathew-11:29-30 (Jesus' yoke makes our burden lighter, not heavier, as Solomon did)

⁵And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed. (He wants to think about their proposal. This is a good decision to think before he answers)

⁶And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people? (Seeking advice from experienced people is always a good idea)

⁷And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever. (They were right. The king should serve the people, not the other way around)

⁸But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him: (Spoiled, entitled brats who think they know everything. During their whole lives, Israel had never seen any

hardship, never lived through a war; thanks to God's blessing upon David's family)

⁹ And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter?

¹⁰ And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. (Their arrogance results in a fool's advice) (That generation never saw hardship. They were raised in riches, just like the young people of the US today)

¹¹ And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. (Scorpions are multi-tailed whips with barbs of sharp metal on the ends. They inflict more damage than plain whips)

¹² So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

¹³ And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him; (Idiot. He should also have sought the council of God. Instead he chose to side with the spoiled, elitist young brats)

¹⁴ And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

¹⁵ Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat. (God didn't make him answer the way that he did. HE knew Rehoboam's soul. HE knew that Rehoboam would answer the way that he did)

¹⁶ So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto

their tents. (Telling the king to just look after Judah. The others will take care for themselves and not follow him)

¹⁷ But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. (Ephraim became the dominant tribe of the 10 northern tribes of Israel)

¹⁸ Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. (Adoram= lord of height) (He was sent to collect taxes from the other tribes)

¹⁹ So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day. (Still divided today; the 10 tribes inhabit Europe and America; Judah inhabits Israel since 1948)

²⁰ And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only. (This also included Benjamin. Jerusalem was on the border of Judah and Benjamin)

²¹ And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. (The idiot is now trying to start civil war, which he caused)

²² But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying, (Shemaiah= Yah has heard)

²³ Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying, (Those of other tribes who had relocated to Judah)

²⁴ Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD. (God hates civil war. Israel is being chastised for their idolatry and perversion)

²⁵ Then Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel. (built = re-fortified) (That

gave him a city on each side of Jordan) (Penuel was where Jacob wrestled with the angel of God)

²⁶ And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: (Paranoia set in. He didn't trust God. He didn't even ask God. He was about to fail his first test)

²⁷ If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

²⁸ Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. (He made up his own religion so he could hang on to power. The people were so perverted and self-centered by then that they accepted Jeroboam's new "religion". 40 years of Solomon's corruption and idolatry had resulted in a new generation of idol worshippers)

(One generation after God was thrown out of public schools has resulted in the same in the US, Canada and Western Europe today. Secularism has replaced Christianity in all these governments, and young people are OK with that)

²⁹ And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan. (Bethel= House of God)

³⁰ And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. (The Levites and the righteous people fled the idolatry and moved into Judah & Benjamin) 2Chronicles-11:14

³¹ And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi. (He started his own religion, complete with false priests)

³² And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. (He made his own feasts days)

³³ So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had

devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense. (This is similar to what Cora tried to do against Moses. God killed him and his "followers") (God didn't put up with that forever. He took the king line away from Jeroboam's progeny)