

## THE PURSUIT OF WISDOM, FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH, WHEN LIFE GETS HARD

O.T. Study - Choosing God's Way - *Choosing Wisely?* - September 16, 2018

Text: 1 Kings 12:1-33

Intro: Today we look at 1 Kings 12; the record of the Divided Kingdom. Before you study chapter 12, read chapter 11. See if you can find any events in chapter 11 that contributed to the events of chapter 12.

### I. (1 Kings 12:1-15) The Arrogant King; Be Careful Who You Listen To!

1. Read Eccl.2:18-19. Does this passage seem to have any relevancy to the lesson today? How?
2. (12:1-3) What was to happen at the assembly at Shechem?
3. (12:4-5) What request was made of Rehoboam?
4. (12:6-11) What counsel was given to Rehoboam?
5. (12:12-15) What did Rehoboam announce as his decision?

What do you think led to Rehoboam's decision?

Why did these events happen? (12:15)

### II. (1 Kings 12:16-24) The Angry King; Rejecting Wise Counsel Can Lead to Division!

1. (12:16) What did the Northern Tribes realize about Rehoboam? (see also Pro.15:1-2)
2. (12:17-18) How did Rehoboam try to correct his mistake and what happened?

3. (12:19-24) What was Rehoboam's natural reaction? What did the Lord have to say about that?

\* Read Deuteronomy 17:14-20. Why is this an indication that the Lord knows the hearts of his people?

III. (1 Kings 12:25-33) A New King; An Old Problem!

1. What do we learn about Jeroboam in 1 Kings 11:28?

2. What did God promise Jeroboam in 1 Kings 11:31-38?

God made it clear that political division did not permit R\_\_\_\_\_ departure!

3. (12:25-27) One of the first evidences of unbelief is F\_\_\_\_\_!

Jeroboam built Shechem and Peniel for S\_\_\_\_\_ reasons.

Jeroboam made the two calves of gold as a S\_\_\_\_\_ for God.

These two steps tell us Jeroboam did not B\_\_\_\_\_ God!

4. (12:28-33) What else did Jeroboam do to displease God?

What do the following passages have to say about this behavior?

2 Peter 2:1-3

Isaiah 8:20

John 4:22

Acts 4:12

Text for 9/23/18: 1 Kings 16:29 - 17:7, 18:1-18