

A Kingdom Torn in Two

THE STORY

Part
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A Point to Remember

- God created the Nation of Israel from scratch
- He created it that they would worship Him
- He has made 3 covenants with His people
 - Genesis 12 & 15 → Abraham
 - Give to them a land flowing with milk & honey
 - Moses
 - Gave the law for the so they could know God & obey
 - 2 Samuel → David
 - Establish his throne forever & prepare for the Messiah

It Would Appear That 2 Tribes Will be Overrun By 10 Tribes

- Rehoboam → 2 Tribes
- Jeroboam → 10 Tribes
- Will God keep His promise to David?

Yes

- He will ultimately spare Judah
- The Messiah will come thru the remnant

The Upper Story

**God will build His church
with or without those He
created and calls**

Who R U Listening 2 ?

- **Oprahfication (Wall St Journal)**
 - **Public confession is a form of therapy**
 - **Has Welcomed the following on her show**
 - **Deepak Chopra – Human consciousness can heal body**
[Hindu]
 - **Marianne Williamson – New Age – reinterprets Christianity**
 - **Eckhart Tolle – You can find truth within yourself**

Her influence on society is great

There are many paths to God

Jesus said and taught
am the way, the truth, and the
life; *NO ONE* comes to the Father
except thru me.

What do we not understand?

There is nothing that can stop God's plan

The resolution of this problem is seen in

1 Kings 12. 16-17

“¹⁶ When all Israel saw that the king refused to listen to them, they answered the king: “What share do we have in David, what part in Jesse's son? To your tents, Israel! Look after your own house, David!” So the Israelites went home. ¹⁷ But as for the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah, Rehoboam still ruled over them.”

The Lower Story

- **Seen in Jeroboam**
 - **The ripple effects of our decisions**
 - **Solomon's decisions affected Jeroboam and Jeroboam's decisions led to a split in the nation**

1. Up to this point who were the Kings of Israel?

- Saul
- David
- Solomon

Solomon had 2 Sons

- **Rehoboam → from tribe of Judah**
- **Jeroboam → from the tribe of Ephraim**
- **1 Kings 11 says that a prophet went to Jeroboam and told him that he would be king – to wait – he didn't – he rebelled against Solomon**

**When Solomon divided his heart
between the gods of his wives and
concubines – he set in place this
division in the people of Israel**

**Our actions – our sins have
consequences that are far reaching
and will affect those around us**

2. 1 Kings 11. 9-13 says God became angry with Solomon – Why?

- He had many wives/concubines
- He allowed them to turn him from God
- He built altars to these gods
- He sacrificed to these gods

3. Who was Jeroboam – why/how did he rebel against Solomon?

- One of Solomon's trusted men
- An Ephraimite from Zeredah
- Mother was a widow – Zeruah
- A man of standing – in charge of Solomon's laborers
- Alijah the prophet – vs 29ff
- The first King of Israel's divided kingdom
- Created idols
- Ruled 21 years
- Name = "he who opposes the people"
- Did evil before The Lord

4. Who was Rehoboam & what is said of him?

- Son of Solomon
- 1st King of Judah
- Continued Solomon's hard policies
- Name = "who sets the people at liberty"
- Did evil before The Lord

5. Why were 2 golden calves made?

- 1 Kings 12-14
- 1 Kings 12. 26ff

6. What did the Man of God proclaim?

- P 196
- 1 Kings 13. 1-3
- A son — Josiah will be born to house of David
- He will sacrifice priests who sacrifice to idols

7. What is the story concerning Abijah?

- He was Jeroboam's son
- He became sick
- Jeroboam sent wife disguised to seek Ahijah the prophets help
- Ahijah was blind
- God told him what was to happen
- 1 Kings 14. 6-11

8. Who is Shishak & what did he do?

- 1 kings 14. 25ff
- King of Egypt
- Attacked Jerusalem
- 5th year of Rehoboam's reign
- Carried off temple & royal palace treasures
- Even Solomon's gold shields
- Rehoboam replaced them with bronze shields

9. Who was Asa & what is said of him?

- In Jeroboam's 20th year —Asa became King of Judah
- Reigned 41 years
- He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord
- 1 Kings 15 11ff

10. Who was Ahab & what is said of him?

- 1 kings 16. 29ff
- 38th year of Asa's reign – Ahab became King of Israel
- Reigned in Samaria
- Reigned 22 years
- Did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than all before
- Married Jezebel
- Served Baal
- Set up altars to Baal

The Upper Story

- God has a plan to get us back and God keeps his promises (to Abraham, to Moses, and to David)

Decisions

- How do the decisions you've made impact your
 - **Family**
 - **Your Friends**
 - **Your Work**
 - **Your Money**
 - **Your Life**

Legacy

- **What will be our legacy?**
- **What will future generations say about us?**
- **What will be the ripple effect of our lives?**

God's Plan

- He desires to be a part of our lives
- He desires that our lives will be a positive impact
- **BUT**
- God will not force Himself into our lives

**Jesus went to Calvary that we could
live**

**That we could have a blessed
relationship with the Father**

**To all who receive Jesus
Called sons of God**