



Part 6

From Rehoboam to the Fall of the 10 Northern Tribes

INTRODUCTION / REVIEW

- ▶ God's Divine Drama of Salvation
 - ➔ Prologue (Genesis 1-11) – Man's inability/failure to save himself
 - Creation / Fall of Man
 - Flood / Destruction of Man
 - Babel / Dispersion of Man
 - ➔ Act 1: Salvation Provided (Genesis 12 - John 21)
 - ➔ Act 2: Salvation Proclaimed (Acts 1 – Jude)
 - ➔ Act 3: Salvation Realized (Revelation 1-22)

- ▶ From Abraham to Solomon: God builds a Great Nation

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▶ Lesson #1: Be careful that your affections don't shift from the Giver to the gifts!

- Following the death of Solomon, his son (King Rehoboam) followed some bad advice that precipitated disaster (see 1 Kings 12:3-17,19)

• Result: divided kingdom

▶ Lesson #2: Pick your friends very carefully.

▶ Lesson #3: The best way to handicap God's people is to divide them.

- ▶ Lesson #4: God is extremely resourceful when He needs to discipline His children.
- ▶ Lesson #5: Mankind will never succeed at silencing the voice of God.
- ▶ Lesson #6: You can't survive long on borrowed faith.
- ▶ Lesson #7: God is on a worldwide mission to bring people back to Himself.
- ▶ Lesson #8: There is a limit to God's patience.

NEXT WEEK – TO THE END OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of February 12-18, 2017

Route 66 Series

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1 Kings 12 – 2 Kings 17

Sermons can be viewed online at creeksideeg.com/sermon

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

PRAYER

Begin your time together by thanking God for teaching us the importance of righteous living and unity. Ask Him to guide your discussion.

MY STORY

Share a time when you received terrible advice from someone and followed it. What happened?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Thinking back to Sunday's message, what really impacted, challenged, or encouraged you this week?
2. **Read 1 Kings 11:9-13 and 1 Kings 11:26-37.** What reasons are given for why the kingdom was being taken from Solomon? How much of the kingdom was to be given away and to whom was it to be given?
3. **Read 1 Kings 12:1-20.** What request did Jeroboam make of Rehoboam? In your estimation was the request reasonable? Why do you think Rehoboam took his younger friends' advice rather than that of Solomon's counselors? What can be learned from this?
4. **Read 1 Kings 12:21-24.** What did Rehoboam decide to do when Jeroboam and the ten tribes of Israel headed north? Why did he not follow through on his plan? Have you ever made plans then changed them because you believed that God was telling you not to follow them?

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

5. With Jeroboam heading north with ten tribes, disunity was now the norm in Israel. **Read Psalm 133:1-3, Ephesians 4:3-5, and Mark 3:24-25.** Why is unity so important to God?
6. What are some of the common responses from those outside the church when they see fighting and disunity among God's people?
7. Considering the need and value of Christian unity, what are some of the most common threats to the unity of our church family? What can you do in the "fight" to maintain unity at Creekside Christian Church?
8. **Read Matthew 5:9.** List some of the "costs" involved in maintaining Christian peace and unity. How committed are you to consistently pay such "costs"?
9. None of the kings in the Northern Kingdom were good. Their unrighteousness eventually brought God's judgment. **Read 2 Kings 17:6-20.** List at least ten of the sins mentioned in this passage that contributed to the fall of the Northern Kingdom. Which of these sins sometimes creep into the church today?

PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group and ask the Lord to make you all faithful "unity-keepers."