

Lesson 1
1 Kings 12-15:
Rehoboam, Jeroboam, and the Divided Kingdom

Read 1 Kings 12-15 to answer the following:

1. What was the last division of the Old Testament we studied? _____
2. As we continue our study with the Historical Books, who were the first three kings of the nation Israel (in order)? _____, _____, _____,
Who became the fourth king? _____ What foolish decision did he make? _____
_____ This caused the people to revolt. The kingdom divided.
What were the name of the two kingdoms? _____ (_____) and _____ (_____) . What does it tell us in 1 Kings 12:19?

Jesus tells us: “And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.” (Mark 3:24).

3. How many tribes made up Judah? _____ How many tribes made up Israel? _____ Who was the king of Judah? _____ Who was the king of Israel? _____
4. Did Judah please God? _____ What does 1 Kings 14:24b say? _____

5. Of what was King Jeroboam afraid? (1 Kings 12:26-27) _____
_____ What did he decide to do? (1 Kings 12:28-30) _____
_____ What does 1 Kings 12:30a tell us? _____
6. What happened to Jeroboam when he disregarded the words of God’s prophet? (1 Kings 13:1-6) _____
_____ Was it restored? _____
7. What do we read about Jeroboam in 1 Kings 13:33? _____

8. What happened in 1 Kings 14:1? _____
_____ What happened to him? (1 Kings 14:17) _____
9. List the first three kings of Israel: _____, _____, and _____

10. What did King Baasha do during his reign? (1 Kings 15:27, 29) _____

Why? (1 Kings 15:30) _____

“And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.” I Kings 14:30

“... And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.” I Kings 15:7

“And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.” I Kings 15:16

(Answers: **1.** The Personal Books; **2.** Saul, David, Solomon; Rehoboam; to listen to his friends and become harder on the people; the Northern Kingdom (Israel); the Southern Kingdom (Judah); 1 Kings 12:19 tells us that Israel rebelled against the house of David; **3.** Judah – 2; Israel – 10; Rehoboam; Jeroboam; **4.** No; “and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast out before the children of Israel; **5.** If the people went to Jerusalem, they would kill him and return to Rehoboam; set up a golden calf at Dan and one at Bethel for them to worship; this thing became a sin; **6.** the prophet spoke, Jeroboam put forth his hand toward the prophet to take him, his hand dried up, and he asked the prophet to pray for him; yes; **7.** Jeroboam returned not from his evil, set up bad priests, and became a bad priest; **8.** Jeroboam’s son, Abijah, became sick; he died; **9.** Jeroboam, Nadab, and Baasha; **10.** Baasha conspired against Nadab, killed him, became king, and killed all of the house of Jeroboam destroying them all; because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned and made Israel to sin, provoking the Lord God of Israel to anger.