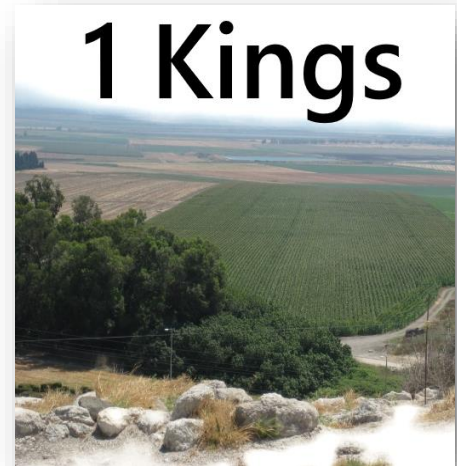


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The Bible is so interesting; even the Old Testament. Isn't its historic record, so predictable as the 12 tribes, so highly blessed above all the nations of the earth; blessed with the presence of the Lord willing to lead. Yet in their despicable greed, they resented one another, instead of remembering they were family. Remember: when reading the 1st and 2nd Chronicles... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 2 tribes of the **Southern Kingdom**, the House of **Judah**; and when reading 1st and 2nd Kings... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 10 tribes of the **Northern Kingdom**, the house of **Israel** – led by **Ephraim** and **Manasseh** who carried with them all the nationalistic birthright promises given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – and to their descendants even in the 21st century.



Old Ahijah denounces God's judgments against Jeroboam,

¹ At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

² And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, Please, and disguise yourself, that you are not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and go to Shiloh: behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, who told me that I should be king over this people.

³ And take ten loaves, and cakes, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he will tell you what will become of the child.

⁴ And the wife of Jeroboam did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah.

But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were dim by reason of his age.

⁵ And the LORD said to Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam comes to ask a thing of you for her son; for he is sick: thus and thus you will say to her: for it will be, when she comes in, that she will pretend to be another woman.

⁶ And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came through the doorway, that he said, Come in, wife of Jeroboam; why do you pretend to be another? for I am sent to you with harsh news.

⁷ Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus says the LORD God of **Israel,**

Because I lifted you up from among the people, and made you prince over My people **Israel,**

⁸ and tore the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it to you:

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yet you have **not** been as My servant David, who **kept** My instructions, and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only what was right in My eyes;

⁹ but you also have done more evil than all who were before you: for you have gone and made for yourself other gods, and **molten images**, to provoke Me to anger, while you toss Me over your shoulder:

¹⁰ Therefore, behold, I will bring disaster on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every one – who pisses on the wall, both slave and free, and I will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as one takes away dung, until it is all gone.

¹¹ Anyone of Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs will eat; and he who dies in the field the fowls of the heavens will eat: for the LORD has spoken it.

¹² Now get up, go to your own house: when your feet enter the city, the child will die.

¹³ And all **Israel** will mourn for him, and bury him: for he alone of Jeroboam will come to the grave, because in him there is found something good toward the LORD God of **Israel** in the house of Jeroboam.

¹⁴ Moreover the LORD will raise up for Himself a king over **Israel**, who will cut off the house of Jeroboam this day and from now on.

¹⁵ For the LORD will strike **Israel**, as a reed is shaken in the water, and He will uproot **Israel from this good land**, that He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their **Asherim**, provoking the LORD to anger.

¹⁶ And He will give up **Israel** because of the sins of Jeroboam, that He did, who made **Israel** to sin.

¹⁷ And the wife of Jeroboam arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and when she entered the threshold of the door, the child died;

¹⁸ and they buried him; and all **Israel** mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, that He spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet.

¹⁹ And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the Book of Chronicles of the Kings of **Israel**.

²⁰ And the days Jeroboam reigned were twenty-two years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place / none of the threatenings announced against this family produced any change in his policy or government.

The reign of Rehoboam

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²¹ Now Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in **Judah**. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD chose from all the tribes of **Israel**, to put His name there. And the name of his mother was Naamah, a woman of Ammon.

²² And **Judah** **did evil in the sight of the LORD**, and they provoked Him to jealousy more than all that their fathers had done, with their sins which they had committed.

²³ For they also built for themselves high places, and **images**, and **groves**, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

²⁴ And there were also **male-prostitutes** in the land who did according to all the disgusting atrocities of those nations which the LORD expelled, before the children of Israel.

²⁵ And it happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:

²⁶ and he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he took it all away: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon made.

²⁷ Now King Rehoboam made in their place bronze shields, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, who **guarded** the door of the king's house.

²⁸ And it happened, when the king went to the house of the LORD, that the guard carried them, and brought them back to the guard's room.

²⁹ Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the **Book of Chronicles of the Kings of Judah**? / not the book so called and comprehended in the sacred canon, but the national archives of Judah.

³⁰ And there was war continually between Rehoboam and Jeroboam.

³¹ And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And the name of his mother was Naamah, of Ammon. And Abijam his son reigned in his place. / Rehoboam was prevented from entering an aggressive war; but as the two kingdoms kept a jealous rivalry, he might be forced into vigilant measures of defense, as frequent skirmishes took place on the borders.

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