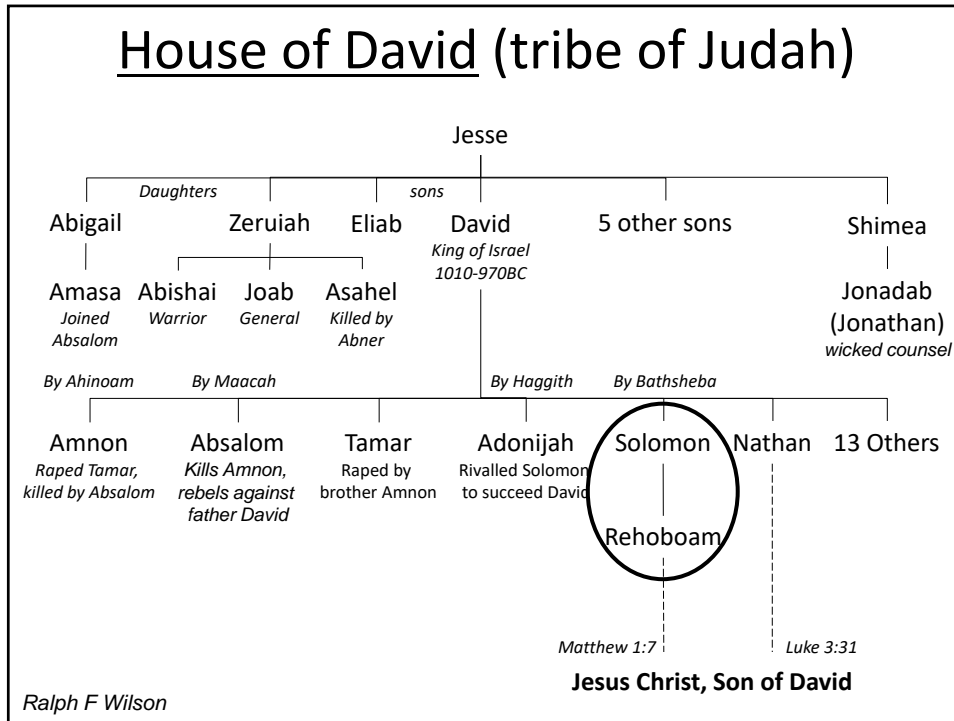


## 1 Kings 11 - 14; 2 Chronicles 10 - 12;

- I. Solomon's apostasy (1 Kg 11:1-43);
- II. Rehoboam's arrogance (1 Kg 12:1-25;  
2 Chr 10:1-12:16);
- III. Jeroboam's idolatry (1 Kg 12:26-14:31);

Lesson 02





### Requirements of a king

Requirement for king	Dt 17:	King Solomon	1 Kgs
Does not acquire many horses	17:16	Owned 12,000 horses	10:26
No horses taken from Egypt	17:16	Horses were imported from Egypt	10:28
Doesn't have many wives	17:17	700 wives & 300 concubines	11:3
Does not possess much silver & gold	17:17	666 talents of gold/yr, plus revenues	10:14
Writes a personal copy of the Law	17:18	Scripture is silent	
Reads the Law every day, & follows decrees	17:19	Scripture is silent	
Should not consider himself better than others	17:20	"I have built"	8:13,20,27, 43,44,48
Strictly obeys the Law	17:20	Did not follow the Lord	11:6

## Temple Labor & Material

- Over 3,600 tons (108,000 talents) of gold [1 Chron 22:14];
- Over 34,000 tons (1,017,000 talents) of silver [22:14; 29:4];
- More iron & bronze, wood & stone than could be weighed [22:14];
- 180,000 men [1 Kgs 5];
- 24,000 Supervisors of the work of the temple [23:4];
- 6,000 Officials & judges [23:4];
- 4,000 Gatekeepers [23:5];
- 4,000 Singers & musicians [23:5];
- Service of the temple: courtyards, side rooms, purification, baking, praise [23:28-29];
- Priests from Eleazar (16 families) & Ithamar (8 families) [24:2]
- 288 Prophesying through accompanied song [25:7]
- 288,000 men in the standing Army [27:1-15]

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## Solomon's Buildings (1 Kings 7)

vs 2 – Palace of Forest of Lebanon;

vs 7 – Throne Hall;

vs 7 – Hall of Justice;

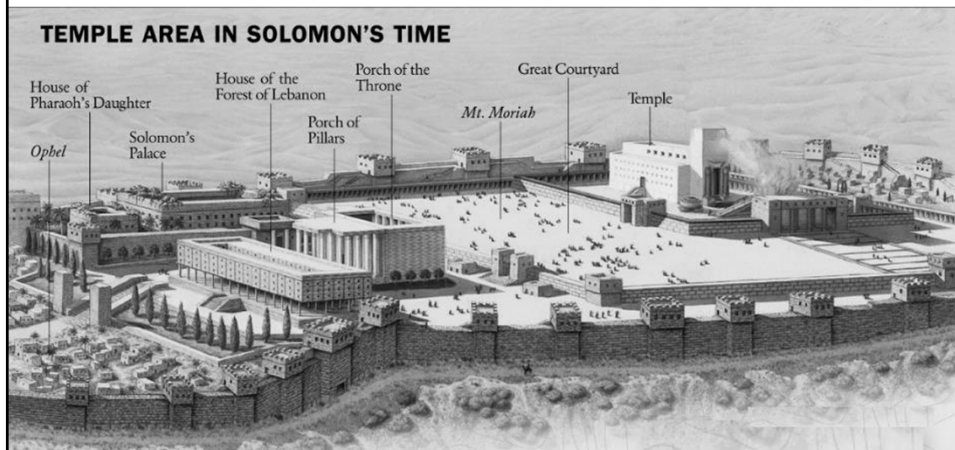
vs 8 – Palace for Pharaoh's daughter;

vs 8 – Palace for Solomon

vs 12 – Great courtyard

vs 12 – Inner courtyard;

vs 12 – Temple of the Lord;





## Principle 1

### 1. Doing evil in the eyes of the Lord brings harsh consequences;

#### Applications:

- *What consequences have you suffered when you strayed from the Lord?*
- *Who do you know who is experiencing the consequences of their bad choices?*

### Divided Kingdom

Ish-Bosheth:

- Based in Mahanaim (in exile);
- Ruled over 11 tribes for 2 years
- Commander: Abner
- Weakening

David:

- Based in Hebron;
- Ruled over Judah for 7½ years
- Commander: Joab
- Strengthening

**Kingdoms of David (Judah) and Ish-Bosheth (Israel) 2 Samuel 2-5**

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## Déjà vu – division of the kingdom

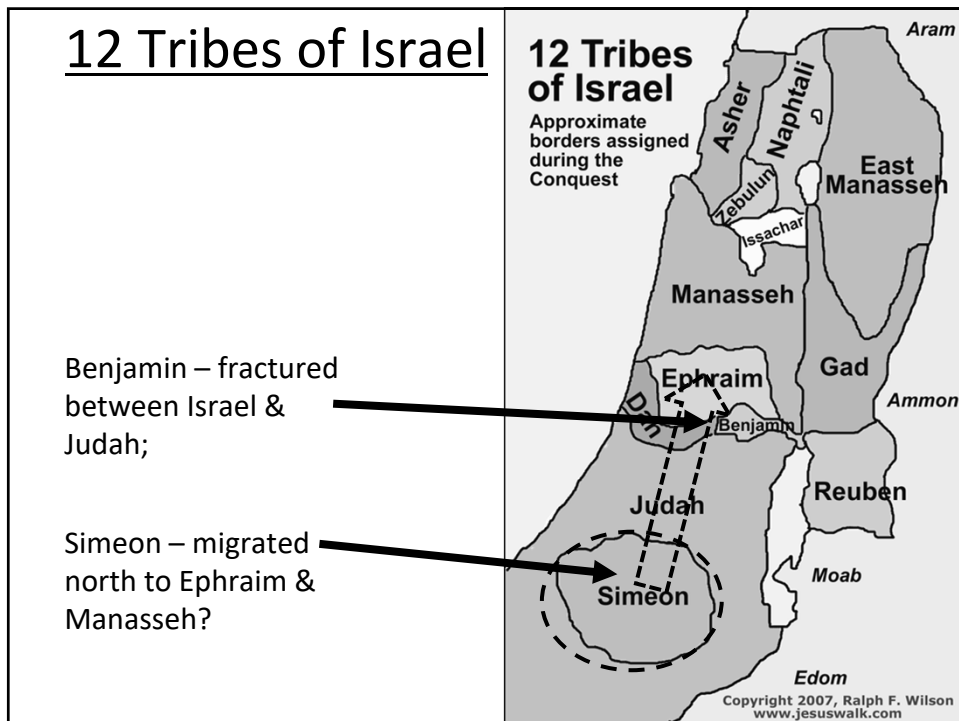
### 2 Samuel 20:1

*Sheba* Now a troublemaker named Sheba son of Bicri, a Benjamite, happened to be there. He sounded the trumpet and shouted, "We have no share in David, no part in Jesse's son! Every man to his tent, O Israel!"

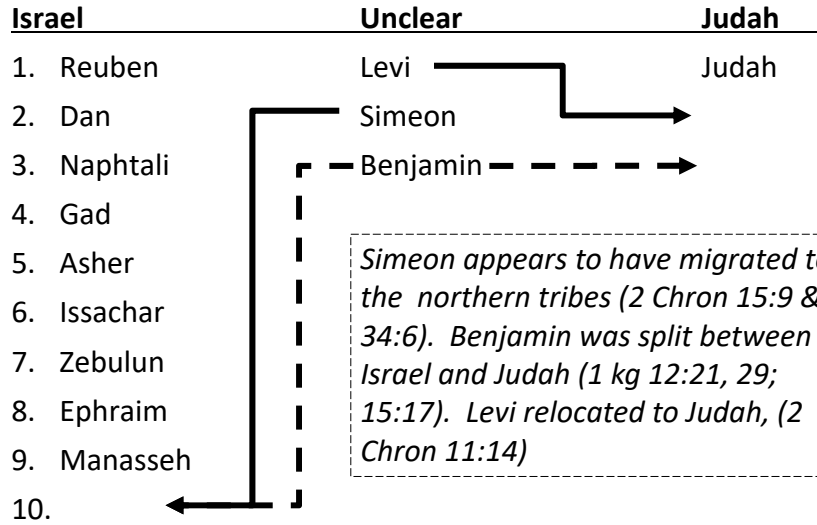
### 1 Kings 12:16

*Jeroboam* 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, O Israel! Look after your own house, O David!" So the Israelites went home.

*Sheba ben Bicri was ahead of his time. The northern tribes used an almost identical call to action to split the kingdom 45 years later.*



## 10 Tribes of Israel



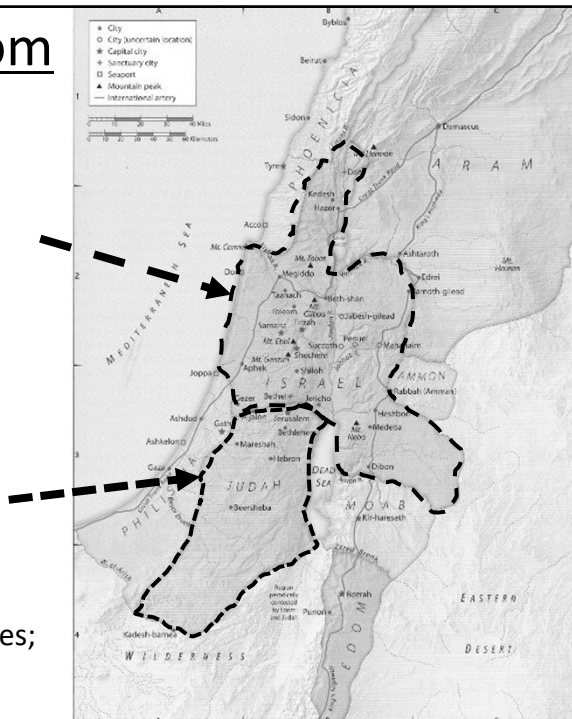
## Divided Kingdom

### Israel

- Northern kingdom;
- Called "Israel;"
- Consisted of 10 tribes;
- King Jeroboam;

### Judah

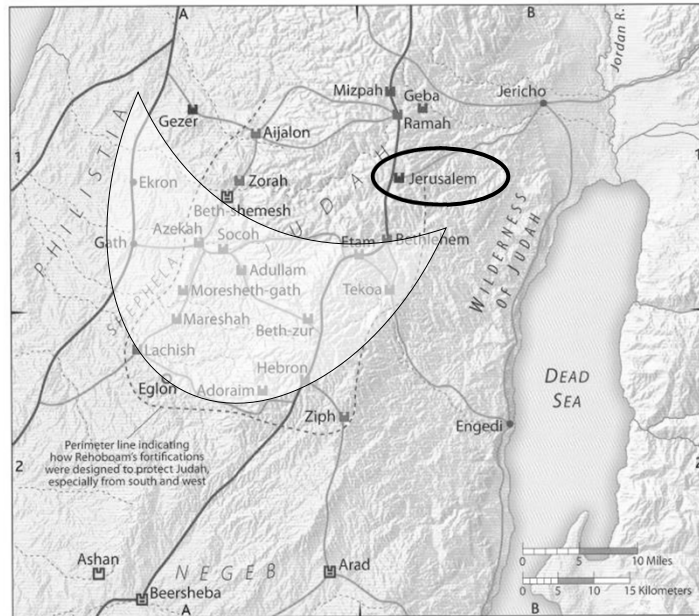
- Southern kingdom;
- Called "Judah;"
- Consisted of 2 (or 3) tribes;
- King Rehoboam;



## Fortified Cities

### 2 Chron 11:5-10

Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem and built up towns for defense in Judah: Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa, Beth Zur, Soco, Adullam, Gath, Mareshah, Ziph, Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah, Zorah, Aijalon and Hebron. These were fortified cities in Judah and Benjamin.



## Principle 2

1. Doing evil in the eyes of the Lord brings harsh consequences;
2. **Arrogance results in severe repercussions, humility brings grace;**

### Applications:

- *When has your pride brought undesired consequences to you?*
- *What aspect of your life could do with a good dose of humility?*



## Pagan Altar (Dan)

*Partially reconstructed altar of Jeroboam at Dan*



## Sin, It's Character & Universality

*Sin is falling short of God's standards*

*"there is no one righteous, not even one: there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God" (Rom 3:10, 11)*

- Sin is an outrage against God;
- Source of untold harm to ourselves and others;
- Subjects us to the wrath of God (John 3:36; Romans 1:18-20; 2:5);
- Has eternal consequences (Romans 6:23);
- Demonstrates the necessity for grace (Romans 5:12-21; James 1:13-18; 2:10; 1 John 1:8-10.)

*Sin always ...*

*Takes you farther than you wanted to go, keeps you longer than you wanted to stay, & costs you more than you wanted to pay.*

### Principle 3

1. Doing evil in the eyes of the Lord brings harsh consequences;
2. Arrogance results in severe repercussions, humility brings grace;
- 3. God will not allow sin to go unpunished;**

#### Applications:

- *How could you help someone see the consequences of their sin?*

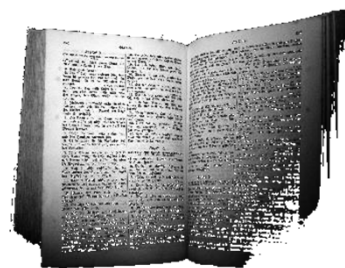
#### Main Truth:

**Rejecting God & choosing sin brings bitter consequences.**

### Reading for Next Week (2-Oct-22)

1 Kings 15:1-24;

2 Chronicles 13-16



## First Kings Summary

<p><u>POLITICALLY</u> David succeeded by Solomon</p> <p><u>NATIONALLY</u> Kingdom united</p> <p><u>ECONOMICALLY</u> Solid &amp; secure</p> <p><u>SPIRITUALLY</u> Shaky</p>	<p><b>Solomon</b> "in all his glory" (Luke 12:27)</p> <p>Crowned &amp; inaugurated (1-2) Married &amp; exalted (3-4) Temple erected &amp; dedicated (5-8) Warned &amp; blessed (9-10)</p> <p><b>Chapters 1 - 10</b></p>	<p><b>Decline &amp; Demise</b></p> <p><b>Chapter 11</b></p>	<p><b>Disruption</b> "A kingdom divided against itself" (Mark 3:24)</p> <p>Internal conflict &amp; hostility (12-14) Civil war &amp; idolatry (15-16) Ahab &amp; Elijah (17-22) "He served Baal and worshiped him &amp; provoked the Lord God of Israel to anger, according to all that his father had done" (22:53)</p> <p><b>Chapters 12-22</b></p>	<p><u>POLITICALLY</u> King after king</p> <p><u>NATIONALLY</u> Kingdom divides</p> <p><u>ECONOMICALLY</u> Unstable</p> <p><u>SPIRITUALLY</u> Empty</p>
<b>Time</b>	40 years	80 years		
<b>Kingdom</b>	United & strong	Divided & weak		
<b>People</b>	Solomon	Jeroboam to Ahaziah Rehoboam to Jehoshaphat		
<b>Identity</b>	"All Israel ... sons of Israel"	<u>North</u> : Israel; Samaria; Ephraim <u>South</u> : Judah; Jerusalem		
<b>Theme</b>	Spiritual & moral decay lead to destruction			
<b>Key verse</b>	1 Kings 9:3-9; 11:11-13			
<b>Christ in 1 Kings</b>	Solomon's wisdom, which foreshadows Him who "became to us wisdom from God" (1 Cor 1:30); the prophetic ministry & miracles of Elijah			

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## Rehoboam

- May have inherited a country on the brink of economic collapse;
- Initially sought advice from elders (1 Kg 12:6);
- Heeded God's word thru' prophet Shemaiah (1Kg 12:24, 2Chr 11:4)
- Fortified cities surrounding Jerusalem (2 Chr 11:12);
- Welcomed Levites who migrated to Judah from Israel (2 Chr 11:14);
- Believing Jews left Israel & went to Judah, for 3 years (2 Chr 11:16);
- He acted wisely in dispersing his sons throughout Judah (2 Chr 11:23);
- He humbled himself before the Lord (2 Chr 12:6, 12);
- There was some good in Judah (2 Chr 12:12);
- Sacrificial system continued through his reign (2 Chr 13:11);