

II Chronicles 10-12 – 13 November 2025

“Rehoboam: Divide Makes Everyone Decide”

Introduction

*In II Chr 1-9, we looked at the reign of David’s son Solomon over all 12 tribes of Israel

*We transition to Solomon’s son Rehoboam’s reign; & we see a united kingdom become a divided kingdom

*Major decision points & disagreements thrust people toward what their heart has really been wanting

*Pharoah in the days of Moses was given chance after chance to God’s good path & hardened his heart

Today, we look at 3 decision points that launch us toward our heart’s true desires

#1 Dealing w/ Doubters: Will we listen to man's counsel (Chap 10)

Read Vs 10:1-5

1. I Kings 11 tells us of Jeroboam the leader
 - a. A chief leader in Solomon's building
 - b. Received prophecy that he'd get 10 of the 12 tribes to rule over for Solomon's idolatry
 - c. Told it would happen in the days of Solomon's son
 - d. Solomon sought to kill him for this
2. Jeroboam wants relief for his tribe from the heavy work so he asks the new king Rehoboam
 - a. This is fine to ask for reforms

Read Vs 6-7

1. Old wise counsel is this: "the way up is the way down"
 - a. Read Mar 10:42-45 – Be the biggest servant
2. Show them that you serve just like them

Read Vs 8-11

1. Young men were bias still seeking positions in the kingdom and were still inexperienced
2. They thought they had to squash some ungodly rebellion but the people's cause was just
 - a. When you're nervous to maintain your power, your think, "they're after my power"

Read Vs 12-15

1. God didn't make him stupid, just withdrew help
2. When you don't seek the wisdom of God, all you're left with is the stupidity of man

Read Vs 16-17

1. So 10 tribes follow Jeroboam in the north and refuse to pay taxes to Rehoboam

Read Vs 18-19

1. Rehoboam leaves his coronation and heads back to his capital Jerusalem
2. I Kings 12 notes that the 10 tribes of Israel anoint Jeroboam king at this time

#2 Dealing w/ Disruptions: Will we listen to God's counsel (Chap 11)

Read Vs 11:1-4

1. They didn't seek God's Word regarding the burdens on the people, but at least Rehoboam listens when God's Word comes
2. There is no older, wiser voice than God's to hear

Read Vs 5-12

1. Rehoboam, stung by civil war, goes defensive
2. These 15 cities are west & south of J-Salem
 - a. Seems he's worried about Egypt's hostility

Read Vs 13-16

1. The priests all had a decision to make
 - a. Will they serve the true God
 - b. Will they just do what's expected of them
2. What will they give their heart to?

Read Vs 17

1. There's no escape for each other
2. Our decisions will strengthen or hinder all those around us

Read Vs 18-23

1. Rehoboam continues in breaking the law by having multiple wives
2. He appoints Abijah as crown prince
3. He's wise for splitting up his sons to avoid a coup

#3 Dealing w/ Defeat: Will we live in worship or in idolatry (Chap 12)

Read Vs 12:1

1. Evil in that they provoked God to jealousy by giving their worship to false gods & allowing male homosexuality in the land
2. Rehoboam's influence led the nation to evil

Read Vs 2-4

1. “B/c they were unfaithful to God”
 - a. The Lord sent Egypt as chastisement
 - b. These are the types of things that can be avoided if we're simply obedience
 - c. People say, “I just can't seem to get ahead”
 - i. Obedience is better than money, resources

Read Vs 5-6

1. This is the same prophet as chap 11 that said not to fight against Israel in the north
2. Notice, problem wasn't they had forsaken their defenses, economy, or families, but... God
 - a. We can do everything right, but if we forsake God, then everything we do can quickly go down
 - b. We must make serving God our plan & routine

Read Vs 7-8

1. Repentance grants removal of wrath, but there is often still many consequences to now live thru

Read Vs 9-12

1. All the gold only lasted about 40 years before in was plundered by Egypt
2. Replacing w/ bronze that needs man's effort to maintain the shine, unlike the gold, shows decline
 - a. Disobedience will always cause more effort
3. Some people work hard for their lusts, only to cause more work
 - a. Exp: the guy that stays up til 2am then can't get to work on time the next day

Read Vs 13-16

1. His lineage will continue, but he's characterized as doing evil
2. He didn't set his heart to seek the Lord
3. We musts prepare in advance to serve God

Conclusion

So have you come to 1 of these decision points?

1. **Are you Dealing w/ Doubters? Will you listen to man?**
 - a. If they're in sin – no!
 - b. If they just need accommodation – yes!
2. **Are you Dealing w/ Disruptions? Will you listen to God?**
 - a. When He speaks – listen!
 - b. But better, come proactively to Him!
3. **Are you Dealing w/ Defeat? Will you live in worship or idolatry?**
 - a. To repent from idolatry is – good!
 - b. But to never get involved is our calling!

Prov 16:25 says, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”

Now Prov 12:28 says, “In the path of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death” Choose