

THE STORY
A Kingdom Torn In Two
I Kings 12-14
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The hero of the story is never strong enough to win on his or her own.

King Solomon's heart is turned away from God to other gods, the gods of his foreign wives and his legacy is lost.

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

God selected a man named Jeroboam to be King over the northern 10 tribes.

Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam, but Jeroboam fled to Egypt, to Shishak the king, and stayed there until Solomon's death.
I Kings 11:40 NIV

THE PAST CAN BRING DIVISION OR UNITY IN THE FUTURE

The kingdom of Israel is split BECAUSE the failed leadership of an unfaithful leader named Solomon.

Our decisions will affect the future. They will lead to either blessings or hardships.

COUNSEL CAN HINDER OR HELP BUILD UNITY

The young men who had grown up with him replied...
I Kings 12:10-11 NIV

Following good counsel begins with seeing what the bible has to say.

1. What does the bible have to say
2. Followed by prayer. Talk to God until the way is clear.
3. Seek godly advice and wisdom from people who know you and the situation.

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

Proverbs 15:22 NIV

A SOLID FAITH IN THE TRUTH CREATES UNITY

For peace to prevail you must choose the right God.

Here are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." One he set up in Bethel, and the other in Dan. And this thing became a sin; the people came to worship the one at Bethel and went as far as Dan to worship the other.

I Kings 12:26-30 NIV

Do you trust God or not? That is the biggest question...

There is a king, the third king of Judah, the grandson of Solomon named Asa who is different.

Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, as his father David had done... I Kings 15:11, 14 NIV

What kind of family legacy do you want your life to be?
God says if you will honor me in the present, I will honor you in the future.