1 – **The Kingdom Divided**
1 Kings 12 & 13

2 - **How We Got Here…**

* “***Solomon loved the Lord****…* ***except***…” (1 Kings 3:3)
* Given discernment by God. (1 Kings 3:6-14)
* Solomon builds and dedicates the temple. (1 Kings 7:51; 8:22ff)
* Note Solomon’s prayer in 1 Kings 8:56-61; ***“Let your heart therefore be wholly devoted to the Lord our God…”***
* Solomon blessed by God and became *“****greater than all the kings of the earth****”*. (1 Kings 10:23)
* “*Solomon loved many foreign women*” who “***turned his heart away***” and he “did *what was evil in the sight of the Lord and* ***did not follow the Lord fully****…*” (1 Kings 11:1-6)

3 - **How We Got Here…**

* *“****The Lord was angry****”* and promised to *“tear the kingdom from you”* and *“****give it to your servant****.”* (1 Kings 11:9-11)
* **Yet not**… (1 Kings 11:12-13)
	+ *“****In your days****”*
	+ *“****All the kingdom****”* - 2 tribes would remain. (2 Samuel 7:12-16)
		- Ahijah the prophet tells Jeroboam he will be given the kingship in the northern 10 tribes. (1 Kings 11:29-38)
* Solomon’s death… (“**Good king**?” How will our life end?)

4 - **King Rehoboam**

* *“All the assembly of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam…” saying “lighten the hard service of your father… and we will serve you.”* (1 Kings 12:3-4; cf., 1 Samuel 8:10-20)
* The counsel of the elders…
	+ “***Be a servant to this people***…” (vs. 7; cf., Luke 22:26)
	(it’s about **them**!)
* The counsel of his peers…
	+ **Show ‘em who’s boss**! (vs. 10-11) (it’s about **you**!)
* Jeroboam did not listen… Who are we listening to? (Psalms 1:1-2; 73:24; Proverbs 1:5, 25)

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6 - **King Jeroboam**

* Who was he? (1 Kings 11:11, 28)
* **He was told why** the 10 tribes were being taken from Solomon. (1 Kings 11:33)
* **He would be given a chance to establish his kingdom**. (1 Kings 11:38)
* Solomon sought to kill him (1 Kings 11:40), so he fled to Egypt until Solomon’s death.

7 - **King Jeroboam**

* His reign…
* He was shrewd… (1 King 12:25-27)
* “***It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem***…”
(1 Kings 12:28)
	+ One of Satan’s schemes and deceptions… what God asks of us is “***too much***”. (Matthew 19:23ff; 2 Cor. 8:5;
	2 Sam. 24:24; Heb. 10:23-25; Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10; Phil. 2:3-4)

8 - **King Jeroboam**

Revised worship

* Changed the **object**. (1 Kings 12:28)
* Changed the **place**. (1 Kings 12:29)
* Changed the **priesthood**. (1 Kings 12:31; cf., Num. 3:10)
* Changes the **feasts**. (1 Kings 12:32; Lev. 23:34)
* Changed the **authority** to that ***“which he devised in his own heart”***. (1 Kings 12:33)

9 - **Judgement Upon King Jeroboam**

“***A man of God***” came by “***the word of the Lord***” to Jeroboam while standing at the altar he made at Bethel and “***cried against***” Jeroboam and his wickedness. (13:1)

The man of God identifies by name (**Josiah**) who would bring judgment upon his house approx. 300 years in the future. (13:2)

10 - **The man of God’s lack of faith**

The man of God understood his instructions. (1 Kings 13:9)

The man of God also lacked faith in what he was told.
(1 Kings 13:18-19)

The man of God lost his life for his lack of faith and obedience. (1 Kings 13:24-26)

Jeroboam failed to learn any lessons from God. (1 Kings 13:33)

God has spoken, do you know what He said?
Are you faithful to it?

**11 - Why the kingdom was divided?**

* Not being wholly devoted to the Lord.
* More focused on temporal pleasures.
* Solomons heart was turned away from God.
* Focus on convenience rather than pleasing God.
* Lack of faith in God’s promises.
* Lack of divine authority.
* Failure to love the truth.