



## **Kingdom Divided & a Deceiver:**

### **1 Kings 12-13**

#### **Lesson 73 Visuals**

- **God said the Kingdom of Israel will be split in-two during the reign of Solomon's son because of Solomon's evil idol worship.**
- **Jeroboam was the enemy of Solomon who fled to Egypt.**
- **Solomon reigned forty years as king and then died. King Rehoboam was the name of his son who became king.**
- **Jeroboam represented the Israelites to King Rehoboam. He asked him to lower their taxes and lighten their heavy workload.**
- **The elders thought the king should be nice to the Israelites and lower their taxes and lighten their workload.**



- The king's peers, the young men, thought King Rehoboam should be mean to the Israelites and make their lives harder.
- King Rehoboam decided to follow the advice of the young men, his peers.
- This turn of events came from the Lord.
- King Rehoboam's foolish decision to make the lives of the Israelites harder led to a massive rebellion against him.
- Ten tribes formed the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Jeroboam became the king there.
- The name of the kingdom in which King Rehoboam ruled was called the Southern Kingdom of Judah. It included the tribes of Judah and Benjamin.
- Jeroboam was afraid that his people would leave his kingdom and go to the Temple in Judah. So Jeroboam made two golden calves for his people to worship instead of the one true God.



- A man of God said David would have a descendant named Josiah who will kill the idol worshiping priests in Israel. The clear sign that this message was from the Lord was that the altar will rip apart.
- When Jeroboam stretched out his hand toward the man of God and said, “Arrest him.”, Jeroboam’s hand withered.
- Then the altar ripped apart.
- After Jeroboam’s hand was restored, he invited the man of God to eat with him. The man of God refused because God had told him not to eat or drink anything in Israel.
- An old prophet lied to the man of God. He said that angel spoke to him by the word of the LORD and told him to bring the man of God to his home so that he could eat and drink there.



- But God had warned the man of God not eat and drink while in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. So the old prophet was contradicting what God had said. He was saying something different.
- The man of God from Judah fell for the old prophet's lie. He ate and drank at the old prophet's house.
- Then the LORD spoke through the old prophet. He said the man of God will die and won't return home to Judah because he disobeyed God's command.
- The man of God from Judah was attacked and killed by a lion on his way home. The lion didn't kill the donkey that the man was riding on. It only killed the man.
- We call someone who teaches anything that contradicts the Bible a deceiver or a false teacher.
- The Bible, God's Word, will never pass away.



## **Bible Verses:**

**Matthew 24:35, Jesus said, “Heaven and earth will pass away but My Words will never pass away.”**

**John 14:6 “Jesus replied, ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes the Father except through Me.’”**

**2 Timothy 4:2-4 “Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.”**