Lesson 10: A Turn of Affairs from God

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The History of the Kings
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United Kingdom: Israel

- Saul (1028-1003 BC)
- Battle of Michmash
- Absalom's rebellion
- The Kingdom Divided
- David (1003-970 BC)
- Battle with Amalekites

Southern Kingdom:
- Rehoboam
- Asa
- Jehoshaphat
- Jehoram
- Ahaziah

Northern Kingdom:
- Jeroboam I
- Baasha
- Elah
- Tibni
- Omri
- Ahab
- Joram
- Jehu
- Ahaziah
- Elijah
- Obadiah

Reign Dates:
- Saul: 1028-1003 BC
- David: 1003-970 BC
- Solomon: 970-931 BC
- Jeroboam I: 931 BC

Events:
- Battle of Michmash
- Absalom's rebellion
- The Kingdom Divided

Chapters:
- 1 Samuel
- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings
The Divided Kingdom

Northern Kingdom: Israel

Southern Kingdom: Judah

Captivity of Ten Tribes to Assyria

Captivity of Judah to Babylon
THE SIN OF SOLOMON

- The anger of the Lord against Solomon
- His heart turned away from the Lord
  - The God who had appeared to him twice
  - Who commanded him concerning idolatry
  - But he did not keep what the Lord commanded
- I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant. Yet for the sake of David your father I will not do it in your days, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

1 Kings 11:9-12
2 Chronicles 10-12

- Rehoboam chosen to reign (2 Chron. 9:31)
- The reign of Rehoboam
  - Israel’s kingdom divided
  - The Priests and Levites relocate to Judah
  - Rehoboam’s family
  - Egypt plunders Judah and the Temple
  - Rehoboam’s legacy continues
The Positive Outlook

- “So they listened to the word of the Lord...” (11:4)
- “For they walked for three years in the way of David and Solomon” (11:17)
- “Then the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said, “The Lord is righteous.”” (12:6)
- “Good things were found in Judah” (12:12)
Outline

- The Word of the Lord is True (Sure) – 10:1-19
- The Word of the Lord Obeyed – 11:1-12
- The Word of the Lord is the Way – 11:13-17
- The Word of the Lord Abandoned – 11:18-12:5
- The Word of the Lord Delivers – 12:6-12
- The Word of the Lord Forgotten – 12:13-16
2 Chronicles 10:1-19

- A weak king and kingdom
- Rehoboam’s responsibility
- Wisdom in counselors (Proverbs 11:14)
  - Wisdom of God (Proverbs 2:6, 3:5, 21:30, 28:14)
- Prophecy fulfilled
  - 1 Kings 11:9-12
  - The divided kingdom – A turn of affairs from God
2 Chronicles 10:16-19

- What portion do we have in David?
  - 1 Chronicles 11:1-3 – Israel made a covenant with David
  - The Everlasting Covenant and the Lord Jesus Christ

- Rehoboam attempts force
  - Proverbs 19:21 – The purpose of the Lord will stand

- Israel in rebellion
  - Proverbs 24:21-22 – Fear the Lord and the king
  - Romans 13:1-5 – Obey the ruling authorities
2 Chronicles 11:1-12

- Rehoboam’s pursuit
  - The greatness of Solomon and the weakness of Rehoboam

- Rehoboam listens! (verses 1-4)
  - A sign of faith or… doing what is best for Rehoboam
  - Proverbs 16:9 – Plans of man overcome by word of the Lord

- Defense against their enemies (verses 5-12)
  - Strength that comes from man
2 Chronicles 11:13-17

- The Levites/Israelites seek the Lord
- Why? – 1 Kings 12:26-33
- They strengthened the kingdom Judah
- Made Rehoboam secure
- The people who sought the Lord walked for 3 years in the way of David and Solomon.
  - The way of David/Solomon = By faith
2 Chronicles 11:18-22

- **Rehoboam’s Pedigree** (2 Chron. 12:13)
  - No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the LORD. (Deut. 23:3)

- **Rehoboam’s Wives**
  - Mahalath and Maacah and 16 more and 60 concubines

- **Rehoboam Appoints an Heir**
  - Abijah, the son of the “loved” wife (Deut. 21:15-17)
2 Chronicles 11:23

- Rehoboam Dealt Wisely
- The wisdom of man vs. the wisdom of God
- Proverbs 10:15 – Strength in wealth
- Securing the land from invaders
- Securing allies
2 Chronicles 12:1-5

- Rehoboam’s strength was also his weakness
- To seeking the Lord

- Shishak/Egypt comes to take Judah
  - He took the fortified cities

- “You abandoned me, so I have abandoned you”
  - Psalm 127:1 – Unless the Lord builds the house
2 Chronicles 12:6-12

- God is right, they are wrong!
  - Judah is humbled

- Some deliverance given
  - Physical treasures were taken
  - Lives were spared

- Rehoboam’s shields of bronze

- Conditions were good in Judah
2 Chronicles 12:13-16

Rehoboam misses the point

• Yes, you’re king...
• You’ve built fortified cities...
• Your wife and son are of deep Davidic blood...
• You’re strong in Jerusalem...but

“And he did evil, for he did not set his heart to seek the Lord” 2 Chronicles 12:14
Hope for the Readers of Chronicles

- Conditions were good in Judah (2 Chron 12:12)
- The Lord is in Control Amidst Chaos
  - For those who turn from God – Judgment (Romans 1)
  - For those whom the Lord loves – Discipline (Hebrews 12:5-7)
- The Line of Christ continues...Abijah
  - “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.” Proverbs 9:10