

1 Kings 14
God's Judgment on His Kings
Lesson 9

Jeroboam had received the kingdom of Israel by the hand of God. But once he became king, he abandoned the Lord and any hope for becoming a great and righteous king. God warned Jeroboam through His prophet; but when Jeroboam refused to humble himself before the Lord and repent of his evil ways, the Lord began to judge the unrepentant king and the northern tribes that followed him.

God's Judgment on Jeroboam

1. How did God finally get Jeroboam's attention? (vs. 1)
 - And how did Jeroboam deal with this situation? (vs.2-4a)

2. Why do you think Jeroboam went to Ahijah and not to one of his own priests? (1 Kings 13:33)

3. What kind of message do you think Jeroboam expected to hear from Ahijah and why?

4. What was Ahijah's physical state at this time? (vs. 4b)

5. Jeroboam hoped to use Ahijah's condition to his benefit. But, how handicapped was Ahijah by his physical condition? (vs. 5)

6. Try to put yourself in Jeroboam's wife's place. In your own words, describe what took place when you arrived at Ahijah's house. (vs. 6-16)

7. When Jeroboam's wife arrived home in Tirzah, how was Ahijah's prophecy fulfilled? (vs. 17,18)

8. Jeroboam reigned in Israel for 22 years. What type of king did God consider him? (vs. 9)

Begin filling out **The Kings of Israel & Judah Chart** with the information on Jeroboam.

9. Who succeeded Jeroboam as king of Israel? (vs. 20)

Rehoboam's Family

10. What information is recorded about Rehoboam's family in 2 Chronicles 11:18-22?

God's Judgment on Rehoboam

11. How was Rehoboam's reign viewed in God's eyes? (vs. 22-24)

12. Using the reference of 2 Chronicles 10:14-17, at what point in Rehoboam's reign did this change seem to begin to take place?

13. When and how did God get Rehoboam's attention? (vs. 25)
 - Describe the scene. (2 Chronicles 12:1-4)

14. Once God had Rehoboam's attention He sent the prophet Shemaiah with a message. What was that message? (2 Chronicles 12:5)

15. Rehoboam and the elders took God's words to heart. (2 Chronicles 7:14) Believing that God was just, they humbled themselves (which implies repentance). What was the next message God sent through Shemaiah? (2 Chronicles 12:7, 8) Comment.

16. How was God's message fulfilled? (vs. 26 & 2 Chronicles 12:9)

17. What did Rehoboam do to compensate? (vs. 27, 28 & 2 Chronicles 12:10, 11)

18. Psalm 89 is traditionally associated with Sishak's invasion of Jerusalem in 925 B.C. This psalm is a prayer to the Lord for restoration. What is the theme of each of the following sections?

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5 Conclusion

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19. A post script is added regarding Rehoboam's reign after this point. What was the "p.s."? (2 Chronicles 12:12)

