

(39) **And I will because of this afflict the descendants of David, but not forever.**

(40) Solomon therefore sought to kill Jeroboam. And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

(41) And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon?^a

(42) And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel *was* forty years.

(43) And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: {3143 A.H./C-899 B.C.} and Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.^a

Chapter 12

(1) And Rehoboam went to Shechem: because all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.^a

(2) And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard *of it*, (because he had fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam lived in Egypt;)

(3) That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

(4) Your father made our yoke heavy: now therefore make the grievous service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve you.^b

(5) And he said to them, Depart *for* three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

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(6) And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do you advise that I may answer this people?

(7) And they spoke to him, saying, If you will be a servant to this people this day, and will serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.

(8) But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, *and* who stood before him:

(9) And he said to them, What counsel do you give that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which your father put upon us lighter?

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11:41a – the book of the acts of Solomon – a book unknown to us today
– see Josh. 10:13; II Sam. 1:18

11:43a – II Chr. 9:31 - Solomon's death after 40 year reign; Rehoboam, his son, begins reign [3143 A.H./C-899 B.C.] – see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

12:1a – II Chr. 10:2

12:4b – II Chr. 10:4

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(10) And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, This is what you should say to this people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make *it* lighter for us; this is what you shall say to them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's thighs.

(11) And now whereas my father loaded you down with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father has chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

(12) So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

(13) And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

(14) And spoke to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father *also* chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

(15) Therefore the king did not listen to the people; because the matter was from the LORD {Jehovah}, that He might perform His saying, which the LORD {Jehovah} spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.^c

(16) So when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion do we have in David? neither do *we have* an inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to your own house, David. So Israel departed to their tents.

(17) But *as for* the children of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

(18) Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who *was* over the tribute {taxes}; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam quickly got into his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.^d

(19) So Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day.

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(20) And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had come again, that they sent and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was no one who followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

(21) And when Rehoboam had come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, one hundred eighty thousand {180,000} chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom back to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

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12:15c - I Ki. 11:31-37

12:18d - II Chr. 10:18

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