



THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

CHAPTER 32



Solomon was the king of Israel for a long time. He obeyed God for many years. 1 Kings 11:41-42



Solomon had many wives. Some of his wives did not believe in God. They worshiped idols.

1 Kings 11:1-3



When Solomon was old, he forgot God. His wives wanted him to worship their idols. Solomon did the wrong thing. He made sacrifices to the idols. God was angry at him.

1 Kings 11:4-9



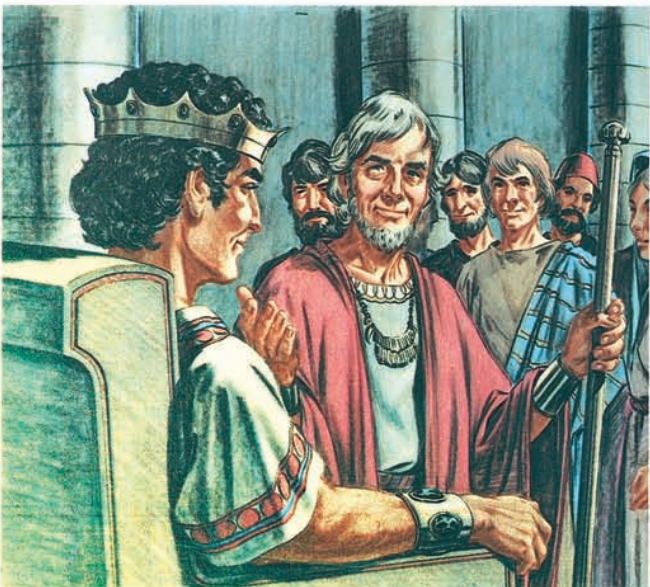
God said Solomon's kingdom would be divided after he died. Solomon died. He was buried near his father, David.

1 Kings 11:10-13, 43



After Solomon died, the 12 tribes of Israel were divided. The south part of the land was called the Kingdom of Judah. Two Israelite tribes lived there. They were called Jews. Rehoboam was the king.

1 Kings 12:1-17



Rehoboam was Solomon's son. He was not a good king. He was mean to the people.

1 Kings 12:14



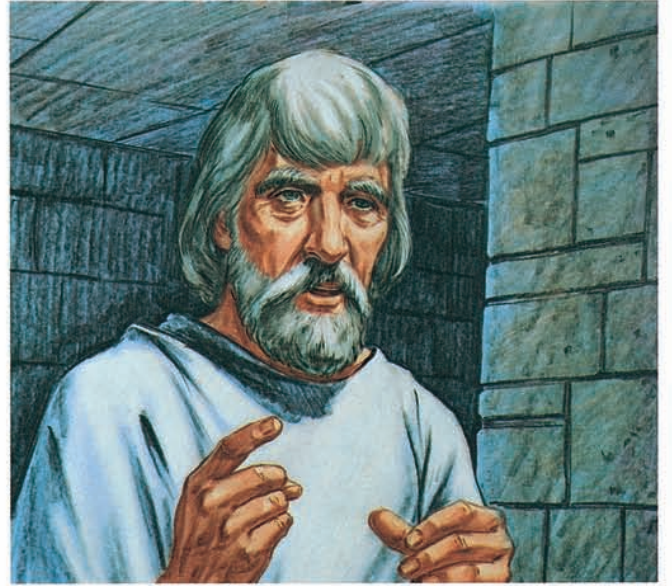
The north part of the land was called the Kingdom of Israel. Ten Israelite tribes lived there. Jeroboam was their king. Jeroboam was strong and brave, but he was not a good king.

1 Kings 12



Jeroboam made golden idols and burned sacrifices to them. He told the people to worship the idols.

1 Kings 12:27-33



A prophet of God told Jeroboam to repent. But Jeroboam would not repent.

1 Kings 13:1-6, 33-34



Jeroboam and Rehoboam had armies. They fought each other for many years. Jeroboam and Rehoboam were wicked kings. They did not teach the people to obey God.

1 Kings 14:7-10, 16, 21-24; 2 Chronicles 12:13-15



The Israelites became wicked like their kings.

1 Kings 16:2