

INTRODUCTION

- * Continuing our study of the Biblical history of Israel, we considered last week the destruction of the northern kingdom (Israel).
- * This our 71st message since beginning the our study with 1 Samuel in January 2016
- * Today, we return to the division of the nation between the northern tribes and Judah. From here we begin to examine the kings of the South.
- * After the reign of Solomon, his son Rehoboam became king of Israel (1 Kings 11:43ff). The people of the nation gathered before him and petitioned him to "lighten the burdensome service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you." (12:4)
- * Rehoboam rejected the wisdom of the elders (who told him to listen to the people) and consulted his peer group. They told him to press his power and increase the yoke. Rehoboam applied this principle and the kingdom was divided.
- * In this message we see this importance of leadership and our God-focused, prayerful support of those who are leading us!

INSTRUCTION

I. THE F _____ OF THE KINGDOM

A. The Physical Fortification of the Kingdom (2 Chronicles 11:5-12)

B. The Spiritual Fortification of the Kingdom (2 Chronicles 11:13-17)

II. THE F _____ OF THE KINGDOM

A. The C _____ of the Failure (2 Chronicles 12:1)

B. The C _____ of the Failure (2 Chronicles 12:2-16)

1. THE I _____ OF SHISHAK (v. 2-4)
2. THE H _____ OF THE LEADERS (v. 5-6)
3. THE J _____ OF THE LORD (v. 7-12)
4. THE L _____ OF THE KING (v. 12-16)

INTROSPECTION

- * WHOSE COUNSEL ARE YOU MORE INCLINED TO FOLLOW?
- * WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PREPARE YOUR HEART IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU DO NOT TURN AWAY FROM THE LORD?
- * WHEN GOD REVEALS TO YOU THAT YOU ARE IN SIN, HOW DO YOU RESPOND?
- * HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR PRAYER SUPPORT OF THOSE RULING IN OUR LAND?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?