

# THE STORY

## FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

### **A Kingdom Torn in Two**

Chapter 14 — May 31, 2015

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1. Setting: Solomon is ruling **unwisely**. (1 Kings 11)

2. The Characters

A. **Rehoboam**, Solomon's son – from Judah.

B. **Jeroboam**, an advisor - from Ephraim.

*Then he said to Jeroboam, "Take ten pieces for yourself, for this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'See, I am going to tear the kingdom out of Solomon's hand and give you ten tribes. – 1 Kings 11:31*

3. The Point of View

A. Upper Story: God continues to fulfill His **purpose**.

B. Lower Story: following Rehoboam's **life**.

4. The Conflict: Rehoboam **ignores** wise counsel.

*The king answered the people harshly. Rejecting the advice given him by the elders – 1 Kings 12:13*

5. The Resolution: The nation is **divided**.

*When all the Israelites heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. Only the tribe of Judah remained loyal to the house of David – 1 Kings 12:20*

A. The **Northern** Kingdom **10** tribes, ruled by Jeroboam

B. The **Southern** Kingdom **2** tribes, ruled by Rehoboam.

6. The Theme(s)

A. Upper Story: God **keeps** His promises!

B. Lower Story: "The **ripple** effects of decisions."

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