

King Rehoboam listens to Wrong Counsel

1 Kings 12:1-20

And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king.

And it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard (and he was still in Egypt where he had fled from the face of Solomon the king, and Jeroboam lived in Egypt) that they sent and called for him; and they came, Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel, and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, Your father made our yoke hard; and now you should lighten some of the hard service of your father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve you.

And he said to them, Go; yet in three days come back to me. And the people went.

And King Rehoboam consulted with the elders who had been standing before the face of his father Solomon while he was alive, saying, How do you advise in order to answer this people?

And they spoke to him, saying, If you are servant to this people today, and will serve them, and answer them and speak to them good words, then they will be servants to you forever.

But he forsook the counsel of the elders which they advised him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him, who were standing before him. And he said to them, what do you advise, and we shall answer the people who have spoken to me, saying, Lighten some of the yoke that your father put upon us?

And they spoke to him, the young men who had grown up with him, saying, So you shall say to this people who have spoken to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, and you make it light on us; so you shall speak to them, My little finger is thicker than the loins of my father, and now my father laid a heavy yoke on you, and I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, and I will surely chastise you with scorpions.

And they came, Jeroboam and all the people, to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king had spoken, saying, Come back to me on the third day.

And the king replied to the people harshly, and forsook the counsel of the elders which they advised him, and spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I shall add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, and I will surely chastise you with scorpions.

As to the sons of Israel, those living in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. And King Rehoboam sent Adoram who was over the tribute, and all Israel threw stones at him, and he died. And King Rehoboam made haste to go up into a chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

And Israel rebelled against the house of David to this day. And it happened when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the company, and caused him to reign over all Israel; none followed after the house of David except the tribe of Judah only.



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Answer	Hard Yoke	Little Finger	Shechem
Assembly	Israel	Rebelled	Three Days
Consulted	Jeroboam	Rehoboam	Threw Stones
Elders	King	Scorpions	Whips
Forsook	Lighten	Serve	Young Men

And the king did not listen to the people, for the turn of events was from YAHWEH, in order to lift up His Word that YAHWEH spoke by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat – 1st Kings 12:15