

13. Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, is to be the next king.

14. Rehoboam goes from Jer to Shechem to be proclaimed the king.

- i. All the 12 tribes are gathered together.
- ii. Jer is there.
- iii. The people say, "All that you have to do for us to serve you is lighten up the yoke ~~for~~ ^{that} Solomon put upon us. He's making us engage in hard labor."
- iv. Rehoboam said, "Give me three days and let me think it over."
- v. During that three day period, he goes to the elder men.
 - a. He talks them what to do.
 - b. They tell him to lighten the yoke and the people would serve him.
 - c. He rejected that counsel.
- vi. Then he went to the younger men.
 - a. They say to increase the yoke and make them work even harder.
 - b. He accepted the advice of the younger men.
 - 1) Why did he do that?
 - 2) 1 Kings 12:15 tells this was because of the Lord.
 - i) ~~the~~ ^{The} Lord was going to fulfill the the word the Lord had spoken to Jeroboam through Ahijah.
 - ii) The Lord controls things in history so that prediction will come to pass.

15. When Rehoboam tells the ten tribes that he is going to increase the burden, then the ten tribes refuse to serve Rehoboam, they go home and make ~~Jeroboam~~ ^{Jeroboam} king.

16. When Reh (king of Judah and Benjamin) went home, he decided to get his army and force the ten tribes to be in subjection to him.

- i. The Lord sent a prophet and said, "Don't you go up because this is from the Lord."
- ii. Reh listened to the prophet.

17. Now you have the divided kingdom (932 B. C.).

- i. We now have the kingdom of Israel where Jer is the king.
- ii. Then we have the kingdom of Judah where Reh is the king.