

# REHOBOAM & JEROBOAM: EARLY TROUBLES IN ISRAEL

(1 KINGS 11–14; 2 CHRON 10–13)

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# OUTLINE:

The narrators in 1 Kings and 2 Chronicles trace four theological themes in the lives of Rehoboam and Jeroboam:

1. Parenting
2. Prophecy
3. Punishment
4. Providence

THEME	REHOBOAM	JEROBOAM
PARENTING	<p>1 K 11:43 / 2 Chr 9:31 (the “son” from Proverbs)</p> <p>1 K 12:5–14 / 2 Chr 10:5–14 (heavier yoke)</p> <p>1 K 12:5–14 / 2 Chr 10:5–14 (disastrous pride)</p> <p>2 Chr 11:5–23 (foolish fear)</p> <p>1 K 14:21, 31 / 2 Chr 12:13 (pagan root, pagan fruit)</p> <p>1 K 15:1–7 / 2 Chr 13:1–3 (bad role model)</p>	<p>1 K 11:26–28 (description)</p> <p>1 K 12:2–4 / 2 Chr 10:2–4 (a returned leader)</p> <p>1 K 15:9–30 (end of the line)</p>

THEME	REHOBOAM	JEROBOAM
PROPHECY	1 K 12:15 / 2 Chr 10:15 (divine turn of events)	1 K 11:29–39 (Ahijah the Shilonite)
	1 K 12:21–24 / 2 Chr 11:1–4 (Shemaiah)	1 K 12:25–33 / 2 Chr 11:14–17 (prophecy ignored)
		1 K 15:16–30 (prophecy becomes tragedy)

THEME	REHOBAM	JEROBOAM
PUNISHMENT	1 K 12:16–19 / 2 Chr 10:16–19 (the split occurs)	1 K 11:29–39 (idolatry will be punished)
	2 Chr 11:5–23 (defense is a pretense)	1 K 12:25–33 (idolatry described)
	2 Chr 12:2–12 / 1 K 14:25–28 (Shishak’s plunder)	1 K 13–14 (stories of wickedness)
	1 K 14:29–31 / 2 Chr 12:15–16 (ongoing civil war)	

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PROVIDENCE	<p>1 K 11:29–39 (Davidic Covenant confirmed)</p> <p>1 K 12:15 / 2 Chr 10:15 (sovereign turn of events)</p> <p>2 Chr 12:2–12 / 1 K 14:25–28 (humility)</p> <p>1 K 15:1–7 / 2 Chr 13:1–3 (more wars but an eternal lamp)</p>	

**THEME****APPLICATION****PARENTING**

1. Disciple according to the Proverbs: teach them and model wisdom.
2. Release your child to God: your child must make his/her own choices.

**PROPHECY**

1. God doesn't change: He will fulfill His promises.
2. God will not be mocked: He will not tolerate evil forever.

**PUNISHMENT**

1. Sinners sin: they reap what they sow.
2. Avoid punishment: set your heart to seek God and live a blessed life.

**PROVIDENCE**

1. There is no Plan B: God maneuvers through political and spiritual troubles.
2. All will be made right: Messiah will reign from Jerusalem in righteousness.