L3L41: Israel and Judah

1 Kings 14

From the time that the ten tribes rebelled against Rehoboam, Israel was no longer one nation. The nation was split into the Kingdom of Judah and the Kingdom of Israel. Ten tribes kept the name Israel, and the tribes of Judah, Levi, and Benjamin became known as the Kingdom of Judah. Each nation was given God's laws, but neither followed His ways consistently. Though ruling over separate kingdoms, Jeroboam and Rehoboam both lead the nations on paths away from God into idolatry and disobedience. What would God do to His people who turned away from Him?

Discuss:

- What are the names of the two kingdoms that were formed after Solomon died?
- The Bible compares each of the kings of Israel and Judah to King David. Their legacy is summarized as to whether they did or did not follow his footsteps. Why do you think God used David as an example? (Acts 13:22).
- What were the reasons God gave Jeroboam's wife for the punishment that He was planning to bring upon the people of Israel?
- What happened to Judah in the fifth year of Rehoboam's reign? Why did God allow this to happen?



Sweet Publishing | FreeBibleImages.org

Memory Challenge:

1 Kings 14:15

For the Lord will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water. He will uproot Israel from this good land which He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their wooden images, provoking the Lord to anger.