

The Kingdom Is Divided Class Notes

DEUTERONOMY 17:15–17

1. God's commands for the kings of Israel
 - a. He shall not gather _____ for himself.
 - b. He shall not have many _____.
 - c. Why? "Lest their hearts be turned away" to worship their wives' _____. God demands that we should have no _____ gods before us.
 - d. He shall not gather together lots of _____ and _____.
2. Why did God want the kings to follow these commands? God wanted the king to _____ on Him for Israel's success.

KING SOLOMON SINS—1 KINGS 11

3. What did God tell Solomon he would do because he did not do as God commanded—see 1 Kings 11:11? He would _____ the kingdom of _____ away from Solomon and give it to Solomon's _____.
4. Which part of God's commands about kings did Solomon break? Write *yes* or *no* in the blanks below.

a. _____ He gathered horses for himself.	d. _____ He began to worship other gods.
b. _____ He had many wives.	e. _____ He obeyed God.
c. _____ He collected much silver and gold.	

THE KINGDOM IS DIVIDED—1 KINGS 12

5. Who was King Solomon's servant who spoke to the king for the people? _____.
6. Did King Rehoboam (Solomon's son) listen to Jeroboam (Solomon's servant)? Did he decide to be nicer to the people? (circle one) YES NO
7. Who was controlling these events? _____.
8. Who became king of the nation to the north, called Israel? Solomon's servant, _____.
9. Who became king of the tribe of Judah in the south? Solomon's son, _____.

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Answer Key

Print one class notes for each student. Keep the answer key for your use.

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