Turning the Hearts: Rehoboam

I Kings 12, II Chronicles 10-12

Rehoboam is confronted by the tribes of Israel.

- They meet at Shechem
- Jeroboam, head of Labor Department, comes from Egypt.
- They ask for lighter work load/less taxes.

Solomon's advisors tell him to lighten their work load.

"If you will be kind to these people and please them, and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your servants." (II Chronicles 10:7)



3 DAYS



Rehoboam's advisors tell him to increase the work load.

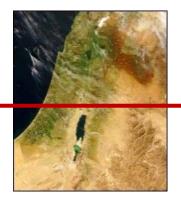
"Tell the people...'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist. My father laid on you a heavy yoke; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions.'" (II Chronicles 10:11)



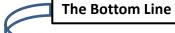
Rehoboam gives his answer.

The Kingdom Splits.

When all Israel saw that the king refused to listen to them, they answered the king: "What share do we have in David, what part in Jesse's son? To your tents, O Israel! Look after your own house, David!" (II Chron. 10:16)



The priests and Levites from all their districts throughout Israel sided with (Rehoboam). The Levites even abandoned their pasturelands and property, and came to Judah and Jerusalem because Jeroboam and his sons had rejected them as priests of the Lord...Those from every tribe of Israel, who set their hearts on seeking the Lord, the God of Israel, followed the Levites to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices to the Lord, the God of their fathers. II Chronicles 11:13-16



Rehoboam found the advice he wanted to hear.