Ch 14: Kingdom Torn In Two Workbook Verse for the Week: Matt 22:37

Day One

Read I Kings 12:1-24

1. Who did Rehoboam first consult with?

What counsel did they give him?

2. Who did he next consult with?

What counsel did they give him?

- 3. Why do you think each group gave the advice they did?
- 4. What would have motivated Rehoboam to choose which advice to take?

5. Contrast Rehoboam's response to godly counsel to Jeroboam's choice.

6. What is God showing you about the importance of seeking and receiving counsel?

Learning to seek and accept godly counsel is an important part of maturing spiritually. Spend some time praying about any area in which you may need to seek godly counsel. Pray for those who have provided you godly counsel and pray for them today.

Day Two

Read I Kings 12:25-13:5

1. What did Jeroboam build and why?

2. How did God deal with Jeroboam and the altar he counstructed?

3. Why does God judge idolatry so harshly?

In todays terms, we would say God has a "zero tolerance policy" for idolatry. Idolatry hides in many forms but God see them all. List all the things that take your time, finances and energy specifically below. Devote todays devotional time to laying each of them before God and ask Him to show you any area idolatry has crept in. Day Three

Read 2 Chron 14

- 1. How is Asa described in v.2?
- 2. What does Asa's prayer (v.11) reveal about Asa's heart?
- 3. How does God answer Asa's prayer?
- 4. Read Ps 20. Who/what does God want us to look to for security?

List some times and ways God has delivered/protected you. Spend your devotional time today walking alone with God, praising and thanking Him for His faithfulness.

Day Four

Read 2 Chron 15:1-16:14

1. In Ch 15, what does the prophet tell Asa and all of Judah?

2. What was the response?

- 3. What was the result?
- 4. How did Asa stumble in Ch 16 and what was the result?
- 5. What is God showing us about the cost of placing our trust in the wrong places?

What are some things we trust in? Make a list of things and people you tend to rely on. Ask God to show you any way in which you need to change the way you at them.

Day Five

Read Read I Ki 16:28-34

- 1. Read Joshua 6. What does way in v.26?
- 2. Read Deut 28:15, 36-37, 49-57, 64-68. What were the people told before they ever entered the Promised Land?

3. What do we learn about God in I Ki 16:28-34?

God is faithful to deliver AND discipline. His word NEVER fails. Write down some verses God has specifically revealed His faithfulness through to you personally. Devote you devotional time today to praising God for His faithfulness to His word.