

# The Kings of Judah and Israel

LESSON #09 | King Rehoboam and the Levite-Refugees

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## **2 Chronicles 11:1-4**

**1** And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.

**2** But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

**3** Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

**4** Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

1. In some situations, separation is better than unity because God is the one who brought about the division of the northern and southern kingdoms. What is the phrase in this passage which teaches us this lesson?

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## **2 Chronicles 11:13-17**

**13** And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel resorted to him out of all their coasts.

**14** For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the LORD:

**15** And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.

**16** And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers.

**17** So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

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2. Which of the following is the reason why the levites left their suburbs and their possession in Israel to serve God in Judah?

- There were more opportunities to serve God in Judah
- King Jeroboam had ordained a new priesthood to offer to the calves he made
- King Rehoboam had offered more salary for priests

3. When godly men and women gather together to serve God according to God's truth, what spiritual benefit do they receive?

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4. Memory Verse

## **Psalms 133:1**

Behold, how \_\_\_\_ and how \_\_\_\_\_ it is  
for brethren to dwell together in \_\_\_\_\_ !