

June 22 Questions

- 1) The division of the kingdom. Solomon was dead, and his son, _____, went to _____ to be declared king over Israel. His right to rule over Judah was unquestioned, but his right to govern the northern tribes was far from certain. The harsh _____ enacted during Solomon's final years had created resentment among the people, and they called for _____, a known enemy of the crown, to be their spokesman. From Rehoboam's point of view, this was not an encouraging sign. However, he showed himself to be his father's son by seeking the _____ of his father's counselors (cf. Prov 11:14). Their wise advice was spot on, but his younger advisers, the friends he had grown up with, persuaded him that appeasement was a mistake. This story teaches us that men may plot and plan, but _____ is in control. When God says a thing will come to pass, it will. Our response should be to _____ to the word of the Lord (1 Kgs 12:24). Rather than trusting God to keep His promise to be with him and build him a sure house, Jeroboam made two golden _____ and set them up as the gods of Israel. The people quickly joined in his idolatry, and this terrible sin became a stumbling block for _____ the future kings of Israel. The story of the prophets teaches us that when God speaks, He is to be obeyed. Good _____ cannot excuse disobedience.