

23. How was the death of Jeroboam's son a demonstration of God's judgment? How was it also a demonstration of His grace?

Rehoboam, King of Judah (1 Kings 14:21-31).

24. Why do you think the fact that Rehoboam's mother was an Ammonite is stated twice in this short block of eleven verses?
25. 1 Kings 14:22-24 assigns several sins to the people of Judah. Why do you think the writer of 1 Kings focused on the sins of the people instead of the sins of the king as he did in the case of Jeroboam and Israel? What in the verse 24 indicates that Judah's sins during Rehoboam's reign marked the beginning of the end of the southern kingdom? How did Judah's sins affect God's promise to David (see 2 Samuel 7:11b-16)?
26. Rehoboam means "enlarger of the people." Sadly, Rehoboam did not live up to his name. In what ways was his reign characterized by decline and loss rather than enlargement?

Abijah and Asa, Kings of Judah (1 Kings 15:1-24).

27. What kind of king was Abijah? What does verse 1 Kings 15:3 tell us about the relationship between original sin and actual sin?

28. What kind of king was Asa?

29. Read Appendix C, paragraph 8. What were Asherah poles? Who built the Asherah pole that Asa destroyed?

30. Read 2 Chronicles 15:9-15 and 16:12 for more information about Asa. What do these texts tell us about him?

Where is Jesus?

31. King David is referred to a number of times in chapters 14 and 15. Why? How is David a type of Christ in these chapters?

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