



Melachim I Perek 12

- Rechavam went to Sh'chem to be anointed by Yisrael.
- Yiravam had returned from Egypt upon hearing the news about the death of Shlomo.
- Yiravam rallied the support of Yisrael and confronted Rechavam, asking for him to alleviate the burden of taxes that Shlomo had placed on them.
- Rechavam requested 3 days' time to answer.
- 1st Rechavam asked the elders for their advice. The elders told Rechavam that if he listens, the burden of Yisrael will be his forever.
- 2nd Rechavam asked his childhood friends. The friends told him to speak to Yisrael in a harsh manner saying "If my father hurt you with sticks, I will hurt you with scorpions!"
- Rechavam did not listen to the advice of the elders, but listened instead to the advice of the "youngsters."
- This was all orchestrated by Hashem to have the kingdom ripped away from the house of Shlomo.
- Immediately upon Rechavam delivering the harsh words of the "youngsters", Yisrael started rebelling against Rechavam.
- Adoram, the tax collector for Rechavam, was stoned and killed by Yisrael.
- Rechavam prepared for civil war, but received a prophecy from Shemayah not to attack.
- The kingdom was split. Yiravam set up 2 golden calves for idol worship, one located in Dan and the other located in Beit-el. Yiravam also constructed a "mini Beis Hamikdash" for idol worship and created an imitation, faux holiday for Yisrael to worship on.