

Lesson, 1 Kings 12:16-25. Read 1 Kings 12:1 to 14:20. Commit vs. 16-19.

16. So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel; now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents.

17. But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18. Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

19. So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

20. And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

21. And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

22. But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

23. Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying,

24. Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.

25. Then Jeroboam built Shechem in Mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel.

GOLDEN TEXT: "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger."

Prov. 15: 1.

MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.



The people that our lesson is about to-day had a happy home, but sin came into it, and as it always does, brought unhappiness with it. The people began to quarrel one with the other. Some wanted one king and some another, and they became divided; instead of having one king they had two. If king Rehoboam had not been so hasty, and given a soft answer instead of an angry one, he would have prevented this, but he did not do so.

Many homes are made unhappy because some one in them speaks thoughtlessly. Remember, children, that "A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger."

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

ANGRY words, O let them never,
From the tongue unbridled
slip,
May the heart's first impulse ever,
Check them, e'er they soil the
lip.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Proverbs 10: 12.
TUESDAY—Proverbs 15: 18.
WEDNESDAY—Proverbs 17: 19.
THURSDAY—Proverbs 25: 15.
FRIDAY—Proverbs 25: 21.
SATURDAY—Proverbs 26: 21.
SUNDAY—Proverbs: 15: 1.