



Kings and Chronicles

The Book of Kings – Part 2

Interpreting the Text:

1. How does the construction of the temple by Solomon represent his formal leadership style, especially as compared to his father, David?
2. Do you think Jeroboam was justified in his choice to rebel against the monarchy? How does Jeroboam's leadership style compare to Solomon's?
3. Is there anything that you think Jeroboam could have done differently to prevent the monarchy from dividing in half? What was God's role in this outcome?

Applying the Text:

1. Did today's discussion change your understanding of ancient Israel, the monarchy, and/or Jerusalem temple in any way? If so, how?
2. What makes a good king? Are there any particularly positive or negative qualities that you perceive in Solomon's leadership style?
3. How do you understand God's presence in sacred spaces, like a house of worship? Do buildings or other designated places help you sense God's presence?