

## 42. Solomon - The Wise King

The rest of the events in Solomon's reign, including his wisdom, are recorded in *The Book of the Acts of Solomon*. Solomon ruled in Jerusalem over all Israel for forty years. When Solomon died, he was buried in the city of his father, David. Then his son Rehoboam became the next king.

When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of Solomon's death, he returned from Egypt, for he had fled to Egypt to escape from King Solomon. The leaders of Israel sent for Jeroboam, and the whole assembly of Israel went to speak with Rehoboam. "Your father was a hard master," they said. "Lighten the harsh labor demands and heavy taxes that your father imposed on us. Then we will be your loyal subjects." ....

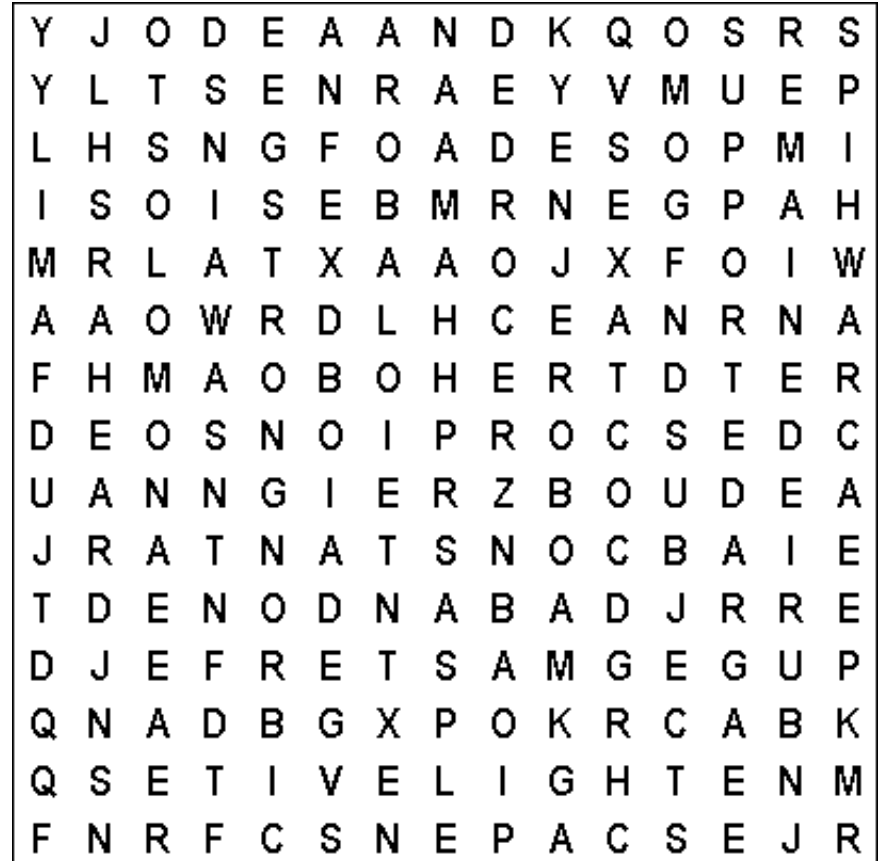
He told the people, "My father was harsh on you, but I'll be even harsher! My father used whips on you, but I'll use scorpions!"

When the people of Israel learned of Jeroboam's return from Egypt, they called an assembly and made him king over all Israel. So only the tribe of Judah remained loyal to the family of David. (1 King 12:2-4, 14, 20 NLT)

But all the priests and Levites living among the northern tribes of Israel sided with Rehoboam ... for three years they supported Rehoboam son of Solomon and earnestly sought to obey the LORD as they had done during the reigns of David and Solomon. (2 Chronicles 11:13, 17 NLT)

But when Rehoboam was firmly established and strong, he abandoned the law of the LORD, and all Israel followed him in this sin. (2 Chronicles 12:1 NLT)

There was constant war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam. When Rehoboam died, he was buried among his ancestors in the City of David. His mother was Naamah, an Ammonite woman. Then his son Abijam became the next king. (1 King 14:30-31 NLT)



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ABANDONED	LABOR	REMAINED
BURIED	LEVITES	SCORPIONS
CONSTANT	LIGHTEN	SIDED
EARNESTLY	MASTER	SOLOMON
ESCAPE	NAAMAH	STRONG
FAMILY	NEXT	SUBJECTS
HARSH	OVER	SUPPORTED
HEARD	RECORDED	TAXES
IMPOSED	REHOBOAM	WAR
JEROBOAM	REIGN	WHIPS