

Divided to Heal

1 Kings 12

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Introduction: A letter from college preparing for bad news, by first giving worse news.

Key Thought: The bad news about Israel dividing prepares us for the good news needed for worse news in us.

Key Question: How does the bad news at Israel's division prepare us for the good news of the gospel?

I. The Bad News

A. Bad News from the South

1. Lie One: Career success secures happiness. (vv. 10-11)
2. Lie Two: The rich and successful are worth more than the poor and struggling (vv. 14a & 18a)
3. Lie Three: I can make myself happy without considering others (vv. 10 & 14), or consequences (vv. 16-19)

B. Bad News from the North

1. Lie Four: Life is an individual journey (v. 20)
2. Lie Five: You have to find your own truth. (vv. 26-27)

II. The Good News

- A. God is Still Working (vv. 21-24)
- B. Jesus is Still Coming (v. 20b)
- C. Hope is Still Standing

Conclusion: A Letter Of Hope