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1 Ki 12—2 Ki 16 **(1 Ki 12:1-19)**

Natural Division – the Oldest Math

QUESTIONS

How did both David & Solomon hold the 12 tribes of Israel together?

How did their sins break the short-lived unity (73 yrs?) of Israel?

How is it easier to get and keep a kind of hypocritical unity by lowering human standards (everyone gets a trophy)?

How did/does Jesus raise human standards to ‘impossible’ and meet them for us, as one of us (John 4:19-26; Phil 2:5-11)?

What does Jesus’ true unity look like (Eph 4:4-6)?

How does God’s grace shine out from Matthew 1’s list of Judah’s kings who were Jesus’ ancestors?