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Tijuana Missions  
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Contact: [Frank Cabrera](#)  
(517) 369-9783

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Contact: [Mary Ellen Turner](#)  
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Hosts: Jim and Anna Mae Wickey  
389 Bawden Road, Bronson  
Contact: [Pastor Jim](#)  
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Hosts: Bill and Linda Penn  
247 West Nettleman Road, Bronson  
Contact: [Brandon Carpenter](#)  
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- I. Read [1 Kings 11:1-8](#). Division in the kingdom occurs as a result of Solomon's sin. Where did he go wrong? David, before him, repented of his sins. Do we see any evidence of repentance in Solomon's case? What must true repentance always involve? Note [Matthew 3:7-8](#).
- II. Read [1 Kings 11:9-13](#). What consequences does God enact because of Solomon's lack of repentance? Note also [1 Kings 11:14,23,26](#). The wages of sin is death ([Romans 6:23](#)). What does this mean for us as Christians today? Note [1 John 1:5-9](#).
- III. Read [1 Kings 11:42 - 12:11](#). Rehoboam succeeds his father, Solomon, as king. What is his first test as king and how is he advised to deal with it? Are economies still a major concern for people under governors today? How important are taxes and economies to the American people? As Christians, what issues would you suggest are more important? Be specific.
- IV. Now read [1 Kings 12:12-19](#). What results from Rehoboam's ruling? Why did this actually occur according to verse 15 and [1 Kings 11:29-33](#)? What do you see God doing in all this? Could he do something similar to us as a nation today? Why might he allow a nation (or even a church) to split up?

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