

## Cast of Characters in 1 Kings Chapters 12 - 17

<b>Character</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Reference</b>
Rehoboam	"He enlarges the people"	Son of Solomon; successor to the throne of Israel and Judah; The Kingdom divided under his oppressive rule.	12:1
Jeroboam	"He who contends for justice for his people"	Manager of laborers building the Temple; led revolt against Rehoboam; first king of the divided Israel	12:1
Shemaiah	"Yahweh heard"	Prophet who prevented war	12:22
Man of God		Unknown prophet from Judah who condemned Jeroboam's altar at Bethel	13:1
Old Prophet		Prophet who puts the Man of God to a test	13:11
Abijah	"my father is Yahweh"	Son of Jeroboam; dies according to the prophecy of Ahijah	14:1
Ahijah	"my brother is Yahweh"	Prophet from Shiloh who had foretold the division of the Kingdom and foretold the end of Jeroboam's reign and death of his son	14:2
Nadab	"willing"	Son of Jeroboam; 2 <sup>nd</sup> king of Israel	14:20
Shishak		Egyptian pharaoh who invaded Jerusalem and carried away all the treasures and gold	14:25
Abijam	"my father is Yahweh"	Son of Rehoboam; 2 <sup>nd</sup> king of Judah	14:31
Asa	"doctor"	Son of Abijam; 3 <sup>rd</sup> king of Judah	15:8
Baasha		Killed Nadab and all Jeroboam's descendents; became the 3 <sup>rd</sup> king of Israel	15:16
Jehoshaphat	"Yahweh judged"	Son of Asa and 4 <sup>th</sup> king of Judah; mostly faithful to Yahweh	15:24
Elah	"oak"	4 <sup>th</sup> king of Israel; killed by Zimri his general	16:16
Zimri	"Yah helped"	Army general who killed Elah and became king of Israel but committed suicide after 7 days	16:9
Omri	"pilgrim"	Chariot captain "elected" king of Israel after Zimri's death; built Israel's capital at Samaria	16:16
Ahab	"father's brother"	Evil but successful 7 <sup>th</sup> king of Israel; Son of Omri; married Jezebel	16:28
Jezebel	"where's the prince"	Wife of Ahab; worshipper of Baal; wanted to kill Elijah (more next time!)	16:31
<b>Elijah</b>	"my God is Yah"	Grand prophet from Israel who campaigned heartily against Baal worship; very important	17:1