

CB09-1 KJV

Israel Splits into Two Kingdoms

Israel - North - Ten Tribes

Judah & Benjamin - South

Shishak king of Egypt
enslaves Jerusalem

Israel splits into two kingdoms Israel-North-King Jeroboam, Judah-South-King Rehoboam

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| <p>1Ki 12:1 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king.</p> | <p>2Ch 10:1 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king.</p> |
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Israel and Jeroboam demand that Rehoboam make their yokes lighter

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| <p>1Ki 12:2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard <i>of it</i>, (for he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt;) 1Ki 12:3 That they sent and called him. And Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying, 1Ki 12:4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. 1Ki 12:5 And he said unto them, Depart yet <i>for</i> three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.</p> | <p>2Ch 10:2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who <i>was</i> in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard <i>it</i>, that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. 2Ch 10:3 And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying, 2Ch 10:4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee. 2Ch 10:5 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.</p> |
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Rehoboam does not listen in order that Jeroboam might inherit 10 tribes as God is to punish Israel for worshipping false gods.

(See 1Ki 11:29-39)

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| <p>1Ki 12:6 And king Rehoboam consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer this people? 1Ki 12:7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for ever. 1Ki 12:8 <u>But he forsook the counsel of the old men,</u> which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, <i>and</i> which stood before him: 1Ki 12:9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may answer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter? 1Ki 12:10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou <i>it</i> lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little <i>finger</i> shall be thicker than my father's loins. 1Ki 12:11 And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.</p> | <p>2Ch 10:6 And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye <i>me</i> to return answer to this people? 2Ch 10:7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants for ever. 2Ch 10:8 <u>But he forsook the counsel which the old men</u> gave him, and took counsel with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him. 2Ch 10:9 And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us? 2Ch 10:10 And the young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou <i>it</i> somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little <i>finger</i> shall be thicker than my father's loins. 2Ch 10:11 For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I <i>will chastise you</i> with scorpions.</p> |
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| <p>1Ki 12:12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.</p> <p>1Ki 12:13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;</p> <p>1Ki 12:14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father <i>also</i> chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.</p> <p>1Ki 12:15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying, which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.</p> <p>1Ki 12:16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, <i>What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David.</i></p> <p>So Israel departed unto their tents.</p> | <p>2Ch 10:12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on the third day.</p> <p>2Ch 10:13 And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men,</p> <p>2Ch 10:14 And answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I <i>will chastise you</i> with scorpions.</p> <p>2Ch 10:15 So the king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God, that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.</p> <p>2Ch 10:16 And when all Israel saw that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, <i>What portion have we in David? and we have none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: and now, David, see to thine own house.</i></p> <p>So all Israel went to their tents.</p> |
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**Israel rebels, Rehoboam flees to Jerusalem
 Jeroboam is made king over rebellious Israel, Judah sides with Rehoboam**

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| <p>1Ki 12:17 But <i>as for</i> the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.</p> <p>1Ki 12:18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who <i>was</i> over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.</p> <p>1Ki 12:19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.</p> <p>1Ki 12:20 a And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel:</p> | <p>2Ch 10:17 But <i>as for</i> the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.</p> <p>2Ch 10:18 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that <i>was</i> over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to <i>his</i> chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.</p> <p>2Ch 10:19 And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.</p> |
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1Ki 12:20b *there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.*
 (Note: **Jeroboam's** ten tribes of **Israel** opt to follow false gods)

Rehoboam wicked King of Judah Son of Solomon

Rehoboam assembles an army in Jerusalem to fight Israel

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| <p>1Ki 12:21 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.</p> | <p>2Ch 11:1 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam.</p> |
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Rehoboam listens to Shemaiah the prophet not to fight Israel

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| <p>1Ki 12:22 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 1Ki 12:23 Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying, 1Ki 12:24 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the LORD.</p> | <p>2Ch 11:2 But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 2Ch 11:3 Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, 2Ch 11:4 Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam.</p> |
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Note:

Rehoboam rules the tribe of **Judah** in the South.
Jeroboam rules nine tribes of **Israel** in the North plus **Simeon** because of **Solomon**'s and **Israel**'s rebellion (See 1Kings 11 especially verse 31).
 God had cut off the tribe of **Benjamin** for their rebellion (Judges 20) leaving only a remnant.
 God's prophet **Ahijah** gives warnings to **Jeroboam**.

The fortified cities Jeroboam built in the northern part of Israel

1Ki 12:25 Then **Jeroboam** built **Shechem** in mount **Ephraim**, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built **Penuel**.

The fortified cities Rehoboam built in the land of Judah

2Ch 11:5 And **Rehoboam** dwelt in **Jerusalem**, and built cities for defence in **Judah**.
 2Ch 11:6 He built even **Bethlehem**, and **Etam**, and **Tekoa**,
 2Ch 11:7 And **Bethzur**, and **Shoco**, and **Adullam**,
 2Ch 11:8 And **Gath**, and **Mareshah**, and **Ziph**,
 2Ch 11:9 And **Adoraim**, and **Lachish**, and **Azekah**,
 2Ch 11:10 And **Zorah**, and **Aijalon**, and **Hebron**, which are in **Judah** and in **Benjamin** fenced cities.
 2Ch 11:11 And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store of victual, and of oil and wine.
 2Ch 11:12 And in every several city he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having **Judah** and **Benjamin** on his side.

The Levites unite with Rehoboam, Jeroboam serves other gods

2Ch 11:13 And the **priests** and the **Levites** that *were* in **all Israel** resorted to him out of all their coasts.

2Ch 11:14 For the **Levites** left their suburbs and their possession, and came to **Judah** and **Jerusalem**:

for **Jeroboam** and his sons had cast them off from executing **the priest's office unto the LORD**:

2Ch 11:15 And he ordained him **priests** for the high places, and for the devils (note: demons in the form of goats; one such demon is Molech), and for the calves which he had made.

2Ch 11:16 And after them out of all the tribes of **Israel** such as set their hearts to seek **the LORD God of Israel** came to **Jerusalem**, to sacrifice unto **the LORD** God of their fathers.

2Ch 11:17 *So they strengthened the kingdom of **Judah**, and made **Rehoboam** the son of **Solomon** strong, **three years: for three years** they walked in the way of **David** and **Solomon**.*

Rehoboam's wives and concubines

2Ch 11:18 And **Rehoboam** took him **Mahalath** the daughter of Jerimoth the son of **David** to wife, *and* **Abihail** the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse;

2Ch 11:19 Which bare him children; **Jeush**, and **Shamariah**, and **Zaham**.

2Ch 11:20 And after her he took **Maachah** the daughter of **Absalom**; which bare him **Abijah**, and **Attai**, and **Ziza**, and Shelomith. (Note: **Abijah** would later become king of Judah)

2Ch 11:21 And **Rehoboam** loved **Maachah the daughter of Absalom** above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took

- eighteen wives,
- and threescore concubines;
- and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.

Rehoboam's appointments

2Ch 11:22 And **Rehoboam** made **Abijah the son of Maachah** the chief, *to be* ruler among his brethren: for *he thought* to make him king.

2Ch 11:23 And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the countries of **Judah** and **Benjamin**, unto every fenced city: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired **many wives**.

Jeroboam 1 wicked king of Israel

Jeroboam fears Israel will repent and go back to Rehoboam

1Ki 12:26 And **Jeroboam** said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to **the house of David**:

1Ki 12:27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in **the house of the LORD** at **Jerusalem**, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, *even* unto **Rehoboam king of Judah**, and they shall kill me, and go again to **Rehoboam king of Judah**.

1Ki 12:28 Whereupon **the king** took counsel, and made **two calves of gold**, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to **Jerusalem**: behold thy gods, O **Israel**, which brought thee up out of **the land of Egypt**.

1Ki 12:29 And he set the one in **Bethel**, and the other put he in **Dan**.

Jeroboam perverts God's procedure for feasts, offerings, and sacrifices

1Ki 12:30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went *to worship* before the one, *even* unto **Dan**.

1Ki 12:31 And he made an house of high places, and made **priests** of the lowest of the people, which were not of **the sons of Levi**.

1Ki 12:32 And **Jeroboam** ordained a feast **in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month**, like unto **the feast** that *is* in **Judah**, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in **Bethel**, sacrificing **unto the calves** that he had made: and he placed in **Bethel the priests of the high places** which he had made.

1Ki 12:33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in **Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month**, *even* in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto **the children of Israel**: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

Note: Lev 23:24 The **fifteenth day** of this **seventh month** shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto **the LORD**.

The Lord sends a man of God to rebuke Jeroboam

1Ki 13:1 And, behold, there came **a man of God** out of **Judah** by **the word of the LORD** unto **Bethel**: and **Jeroboam** stood by the altar to burn incense.

1Ki 13:2 And he cried against **the altar in the word of the LORD**, and said, O altar, altar, **thus saith the LORD**; Behold, a child shall be born unto **the house of David**, **Josiah** by name;

- and upon thee shall he offer **the priests of the high places** that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. (Prophecy is fulfilled in 2 Kings 23 by **King Josiah of Judah**)

1Ki 13:3

And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This *is* the sign which **the LORD** hath spoken;

- Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that *are* upon it shall be poured out.

Jeroboam attempts to bribe the man of God when rebuked leading to a withered hand

1Ki 13:4 And it came to pass, when **king Jeroboam** heard the saying of **the man of God**, which had cried against **the altar** in **Bethel**, that he put forth his hand from **the altar**, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

1Ki 13:5 **The altar** also was rent, and the ashes poured out from **the altar**, according to the sign which **the man of God** had given by **the word of the LORD**.

1Ki 13:6 And **the king** answered and said unto **the man of God**, Intreat now the face of **the LORD thy God**, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And **the man of God** besought **the LORD**, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as *it was* before.

1Ki 13:7 And the king said unto **the man of God**, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

1Ki 13:8 And **the man of God** said unto **the king**, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

1Ki 13:9 For so was it charged me by **the word of the LORD**, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.

1Ki 13:10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to **Bethel**.

The man of God disobeys God and follows a false prophet to his home

1Ki 13:11 Now there dwelt **an old prophet** in **Bethel**; and **his sons** came and told him all the works that **the man of God** had done that day in **Bethel**: the words which he had spoken unto **the king**, them they told also to their father.

1Ki 13:12 And **their father** said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way **the man of God** went, which came from **Judah**.

1Ki 13:13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,

1Ki 13:14 And went after **the man of God**, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, *Art thou the man of God* that camest from **Judah**? And he said, *I am*.

1Ki 13:15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

1Ki 13:16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

1Ki 13:17 For it was said to me by **the word of the LORD**, *Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest*.

1Ki 13:18 He said unto him, *I am a prophet also as thou art*; and an angel spake unto me by **the word of the LORD**, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. *But he lied unto him*.

1Ki 13:19 *So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water*.

God rebukes the man of God using a lion to kill him

1Ki 13:20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that **the word of the LORD** came unto **the prophet** that brought him back:

1Ki 13:21 And he cried unto **the man of God** that came from **Judah**, saying, **Thus saith the LORD**, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed **the mouth of the LORD**, and hast not kept **the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee**,

1Ki 13:22 *But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers*.

1Ki 13:23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

1Ki 13:24 And when he was gone, **a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way**, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

1Ki 13:25 And, behold, **men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase**: and they came and told *it* in the city where **the old prophet** dwelt.

1Ki 13:26 And when **the prophet** that brought him back from the way heard *thereof*, he said, *It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him*, according to **the word of the LORD**, which he spake unto him.

1Ki 13:27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled *him*.

1Ki 13:28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: *the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass*.

The man of God is buried in the city of the old prophet

1Ki 13:29 And **the prophet** took up the carcase of **the man of God**, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and **the old prophet** came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

1Ki 13:30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother!

1Ki 13:31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein **the man of God** *is* buried; lay my bones beside his bones: (1Ki 13:20-22)

1Ki 13:32 For the saying which he cried by **the word of the LORD**

- against **the altar** in **Bethel**,
- and against all the houses of **the high places** which *are* in **the cities of Samaria**,

shall surely come to pass. (1Ki 13:2)

Jeroboam never repents

1Ki 13:33 After this thing **Jeroboam** returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people **priests** of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became *one* of the **priests** of the high places.

1Ki 13:34 *And this thing became sin unto **the house of Jeroboam**, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.*

Jeroboam's wife consults Ahijah the prophet concerning her fatally ill son, Abijah

1Ki 14:1 At that time **Abijah** the son of **Jeroboam** fell sick.

1Ki 14:2 And **Jeroboam** said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of **Jeroboam**; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there *is* **Ahijah the prophet**, which told me that *I should be* king over this people.

1Ki 14:3 And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.

1Ki 14:4 And **Jeroboam's** wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of **Ahijah**.

But **Ahijah** could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age.

1Ki 14:5 And **the LORD** said unto **Ahijah**, Behold, **the wife of Jeroboam** cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he *is* sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself *to be* another woman.

1Ki 14:6 And it was *so*, when **Ahijah** heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of **Jeroboam**; why feignest thou thyself *to be* another? for I *am* sent to thee *with* heavy tidings.

Every male in Jeroboam's household and everyone allied with Jeroboam will be destroyed

1Ki 14:7 Go, tell **Jeroboam**, **Thus saith the LORD God of Israel**, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people **Israel**,

1Ki 14:8 And rent the kingdom away from **the house of David**, and gave it thee: and *yet* thou hast not been as my servant **David**, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do *that only which was* right in mine eyes;

1Ki 14:9 But hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back:

1Ki 14:10 Therefore, behold, I will bring evil [calamity] upon **the house of Jeroboam**, and will cut off from **Jeroboam** him that pisseth against the wall, *and* him that is shut up and left in **Israel**, and will take away **the remnant of the house of Jeroboam**, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

1Ki 14:11 Him that dieth of **Jeroboam** in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for **the LORD** hath spoken *it*.

Only Abijah will get a proper burial

1Ki 14:12 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: *and* when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

1Ki 14:13 And **all Israel** shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of **Jeroboam** shall come to the grave, because in him there is found *some* good thing toward **the LORD God of Israel** in **the house of Jeroboam**.

Note: the grave sight that honors kings and prophets and patriarchs

Josiah will cut off the whole household of Jeroboam

(Prophecy fulfilled in 2 Kings 23)

1Ki 14:14 Moreover **the LORD** shall raise him up a king over **Israel**, who shall cut off **the house of Jeroboam** that day: but what? even now.

1Ki 14:15 For **the LORD** shall smite **Israel**, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up **Israel** out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond **the river** [note: Euphrates], because they have made their groves, provoking **the LORD** to anger. (**Note:** at the hand of the Assyrians)

1Ki 14:16 And he shall give **Israel** up because of the sins of **Jeroboam**, who did sin, and who made **Israel** to sin.

Abijah dies and gets a proper burial

1Ki 14:17 And **Jeroboam's** wife arose, and departed, and came to **Tirzah**: and when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died;

1Ki 14:18 And they buried him; and **all Israel** mourned for him, according to **the word of the LORD**, which he spake by the hand of his servant **Abijah the prophet**.

Rehoboam when Judah acts wickedly

Brief summary of Rehoboam's life

1Ki 14:21 And **Rehoboam** the son of **Solomon** reigned in **Judah**.

- **Rehoboam** was forty and one years old when he began to reign,
- and he reigned **seventeen years** in **Jerusalem**, the city which **the LORD** did choose out of **all the tribes of Israel**, to put **his name** there.
- And his mother's name was Naamah an **Ammonitess**.

1Ki 14:22 And **Judah** did evil in the sight of **the LORD**, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done.

1Ki 14:23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree.

1Ki 14:24 And there were also **sodomites** in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which **the LORD** cast out before **the children of Israel**.

Note: This is the religious practice of witchcraft going on even today in the highest offices of all nations in secret places. The groves contained tree stumps carved into the images of gods/demons. The pillars/asherim were obelisks.

2Ch 12:1a And it came to pass, when **Rehoboam** had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself,

- 2Ch 12:13b for **Rehoboam** was one and forty years old when he began to reign,
- and he reigned **seventeen years** in **Jerusalem**, the city which **the LORD** had chosen out of **all the tribes of Israel**, to put **his name** there.
- 2Ch 12:13c And his mother's name was Naamah an **Ammonitess**.

2Ch 12:14 And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek **the LORD**.

2Ch 12:1b he forsook the law of **the LORD**, and **all Israel** with him.

Note: **Judah** was obedient with the exception of **Jerusalem**. (2Ch 12:2, chapter 13)

God uses **Shishak king of Egypt** to punish Judah under Rehoboam

1Ki 14:25 And it came to pass **in the fifth year of king Rehoboam**, that **Shishak king of Egypt** came up against **Jerusalem**:

2Ch 12:2 And it came to pass, that **in the fifth year of king Rehoboam**

Shishak king of Egypt came up against **Jerusalem**, because they had transgressed against **the LORD**,

2Ch 12:3 With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people were without number that came with him out of **Egypt**; **the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians**.

2Ch 12:4 And he took the fenced cities which pertained to **Judah**, and came to **Jerusalem**.

Rehoboam and his princes humble themselves after a warning from Shemiah the prophet

2Ch 12:5 Then came **Shemaiah the prophet** to **Rehoboam**, and to the princes of **Judah**, that were gathered together to **Jerusalem** because of **Shishak**, and said unto them, **Thus saith the LORD**, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of **Shishak**.

2Ch 12:6 Whereupon **the princes of Israel and the king** humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD is righteous.

Jerusalem to be punished with slavery under Shishak of Egypt

2Ch 12:7 And when **the LORD** saw that they humbled themselves, **the word of the LORD** came to **Shemaiah**, saying, *They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon **Jerusalem** by the hand of **Shishak**.*

2Ch 12:8 *Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.*

2Ch 12:12a And when he humbled himself, the wrath of **the LORD** turned from him, that he would not destroy *him* altogether:

2Ch 12:12b and also in **Judah** things went well.

2Ch 12:13a So **king Rehoboam** strengthened himself in **Jerusalem**,

Note: **Jerusalem** is the capital of **Judah** and becomes a slave of **Shishak**, not the rest of **Judah** who were obedient.

Shishak plunders the house of the Lord

Rehoboam makes brass shields to replace the gold shields

1Ki 14:26 And **he** took away the treasures of **the house of the LORD**, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which **Solomon** had made.

1Ki 14:27 And **king Rehoboam** made in their stead brassen shields, and committed *them* unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house.

1Ki 14:28 And it was *so*, when the king went into **the house of the LORD**, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.

2Ch 12:9 So **Shishak king of Egypt** came up against **Jerusalem**, and took away the treasures of **the house of the LORD**, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which **Solomon** had made.

2Ch 12:10 Instead of which **king Rehoboam** made shields of brass, and committed *them* to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house.

2Ch 12:11 And when the king entered into **the house of the LORD**, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber.

Constant wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam

1Ki 14:30 And there was war between **Rehoboam** and **Jeroboam** all *their* days.

(Note: referring to their households)

2Ch 12:15b And *there were* wars between **Rehoboam** and **Jeroboam** continually.

More records of Rehoboam

1Ki 14:29 Now the rest of the acts of **Rehoboam**, and all that he did, *are* they not written in **the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah**?

Note: This is not 1,2 Chronicles of the Bible but it is recommended reading.

2Ch 12:15a Now the acts of **Rehoboam**, first and last, *are* they not written in **the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies**?

Note: These records are not in the Biblical Canon but are recommended reading.

Transfer of power from Rehoboam to his son Abijam

1Ki 14:31a And **Rehoboam** slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of **David**.

And his mother's name *was* **Naamah** an **Ammonitess**.

1Ki 14:31b And **Abijam his son** reigned in his stead.

2Ch 12:16 And **Rehoboam** slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of **David**:

and **Abijah his son** reigned in his stead.

Abijam (Abijah), partially righteous king of Judah
Son of Rehoboam, wicked king of Judah

Brief summary of Abijam (Abijah)'s life

1Ki 15:1 Now in the eighteenth year of king **Jeroboam the son of Nebat** reigned **Abijam** over **Judah**.

1Ki 15:2 **Three years** reigned he in **Jerusalem**. And his mother's name was **Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom**.

Note: Maacah (Micaiah) was the granddaughter of Abishalom (Absalom) and the daughter of Uriel. "Son of" or "daughter of" can skip generations in the Hebrew language.

2Ch 13:1 Now in the eighteenth year of king **Jeroboam** began **Abijah** to reign over **Judah**.

2Ch 13:2a He reigned **three years** in **Jerusalem**. His mother's name also was **Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah**.

1Ki 15:3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with **the LORD his God**, as the heart of **David** his father.

1Ki 15:4 Nevertheless for **David's sake** did **the LORD his God** give him a lamp in **Jerusalem**, to set up his son after him, and to establish **Jerusalem**:

1Ki 15:5 Because **David** did *that which was* right in the eyes of **the LORD**, and turned not aside from any *thing* that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of **Uriah the Hittite**.

1Ki 15:6 *And there was war between* **Rehoboam** and **Jeroboam** all the days of his life.

Abijam's (Abijah's) army conquered Jeroboam because they trusted in the LORD

1Ki 15:7b And there was war between **Abijam** and **Jeroboam**.

2Ch 13:2b And there was war between **Abijah** and **Jeroboam**.

2Ch 13:3 And **Abijah** set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, *even* **four hundred thousand chosen men**: **Jeroboam** also set the battle in array against him with **eight hundred thousand chosen men**, *being* mighty men of valour.

2Ch 13:4 And **Abijah** stood up upon **mount Zemaraim**, which *is* in **mount Ephraim**, and said, Hear me, thou **Jeroboam**, and **all Israel**;

2Ch 13:5 Ought ye not to know that **the LORD God of Israel** gave the kingdom over **Israel** to **David** for ever, *even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt*?

2Ch 13:6 Yet **Jeroboam the son of Nebat**, the servant of **Solomon** the son of **David**, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord.

2Ch 13:7 And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against **Rehoboam** the son of **Solomon**, when **Rehoboam** was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

2Ch 13:8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of **the LORD** in the hand of **the sons of David**; and ye *be* a great multitude, and *there are* with you golden calves, which **Jeroboam** made you for gods.

2Ch 13:9 Have ye not cast out **the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites**, and have made you **priests** after the manner of the nations of *other* lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, *the same* may be a priest of *them that are* no gods.

2Ch 13:10 But as for us, **the LORD** is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and **the priests, which minister unto the LORD, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their business:**

2Ch 13:11 And they burn unto **the LORD** every morning and every evening **burnt sacrifices** and **sweet incense:** the **shewbread** also *set they in order* upon **the pure table;** and the **candlestick of gold** with **the lamps** thereof, to burn **every evening:** for we keep the charge of **the LORD** our God; but **ye have forsaken him.**

2Ch 13:12 And, behold, God himself *is* with us for *our* captain, and his **priests** with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O **children of Israel,** fight ye not against **the LORD** God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

2Ch 13:13 But **Jeroboam** caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before **Judah,** and the ambushment *was* behind them.

2Ch 13:14 And when **Judah** looked back, behold, the battle *was* before and behind: and they cried unto **the LORD,** and the **priests** sounded with the trumpets.

2Ch 13:15 Then **the men of Judah** gave a shout: and as **the men of Judah** shouted, it came to pass, that **God smote Jeroboam** and **all Israel** before **Abijah** and **Judah.**

2Ch 13:16 And **the children of Israel** fled before **Judah:** and **God delivered them into their hand.**

2Ch 13:17 And **Abijah** and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of **Israel** **five hundred thousand chosen men.**

2Ch 13:18 Thus **the children of Israel** were brought under at that time, and the **children of Judah** prevailed, because they relied upon **the LORD** God of their fathers.

2Ch 13:19 And **Abijah** pursued after **Jeroboam,** and took cities from him, **Bethel** with the towns thereof, and **Jeshanah** with the towns thereof, and **Ephraim** with the towns thereof.

2Ch 13:20 Neither did **Jeroboam** recover strength again in the days of **Abijah:** and **the LORD** struck him, and he died.

Transfer of power from Jeroboam king of Israel to his son Nadab

1Ki 14:20 And the days which **Jeroboam** reigned *were* **two and twenty years:** and he slept with his fathers, and **Nadab his son** reigned in his stead.

More records of Jeroboam

1Ki 14:19 And the rest of the acts of **Jeroboam,** how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they *are* written in **the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.**

Note: This is not 1,2 Chronicles of the Bible but is recommended reading.

Transfer of power from Abijam (Abijah) king of Judah to his son Asa

2Ch 13:21 But **Abijah** waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

1Ki 15:8 And **Abijam** slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of **David:**

and **Asa** his son reigned in his stead.

2Ch 14:1a So **Abijah** slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of **David:**

and **Asa** his son reigned in his stead.

More records of Abijam (Abijah)

1Ki 15:7a Now the rest of the acts of **Abijam,** and all that he did, *are* they not written in **the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?**

Note: This is not 1,2 Chronicles of the Bible but is recommended reading.

2Ch 13:22 And the rest of the acts of **Abijah,** and his ways, and his sayings, *are* written in **the story of the prophet Iddo.**

Note: This record is not in the Biblical canon but is recommended reading.