

The Kings of Judah and Israel

LESSON #10 | King Rehoboam and Judah turned away from God

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2 Chronicles 12:1-4

1 And it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him.

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,

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.

4 And he took the fenced cities which pertained to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

1. Rehoboam reigned a total of 41 years as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:21). 2 Chronicles 12:2 records that in Rehoboam's 5th year, Shishak invaded Jerusalem. What were the reasons for Egypt's invasion of Judah?

2. In addition to the reasons recorded in 2 Chronicles 12:1-4, what other spiritual weakness did Rehoboam have? Read 2 Chronicles 12:14 to find out the answer:

3. Not only was God punishing Rehoboam, but the whole southern kingdom of Judah. Read 1 Kings 14:22-24, and write down the sins of Judah

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4. In the map below, indicate which areas the Egyptians, the Lubims, the Sukkiims and the Ethiopians occupy.



2 Chronicles 12:5-8

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.

6 Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD is righteous.

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.

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

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5. When Shemaiah the prophet explained why God allowed Judah to be invaded by Shishak, what was the response of the princes of Judah and Rehoboam?

- There were more opportunities to serve God in Judah
- King Jeroboam had ordained new a new priesthood to offer to the calves he made
- King Rehoboam had offered more salary for priests

6. Sometimes, we have to bear the consequences of sin. In this case, what were the consequences of the invasion which Judah had to bear?

4. Memory Verse

Psalms 86:15

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of _____, and _____,
_____, and plenteous in _____ and _____.