

1 Kings 14:21-31 **Rehoboam Reigns in Judah** (2 Chron 11:5-12:16)

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Adversity from Egypt

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✧ It is easy to see why God took the northern tribes away from the descendants of Solomon, because they were influenced by their pagan mothers and refused to cling to the God of Israel, even though Solomon had made the conclusion in writing that the whole duty of man is to **fear and obey the God of Israel**. [Ecclesiastes 12:13-14]

✧ Rehoboam son of Solomon reigned 17 years in Jerusalem.

✧ Jerusalem is the town the Lord had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel to represent God to the world by allowing the Temple of Yahweh to be built within its walls.

- ✧ Influenced by Solomon's weakness and his Ammonite mother, Rehoboam led Judah to do evil in the sight of the Lord.
- ✧ They built for themselves high places, sacred pillars, and wooden images on every high hill and under every green tree. [1 Kings 14:23]
- ✧ There were also perverted persons (Sodomites, homosexuals) in the land.
- ✧ They practiced all the sexual perversions God condemned that had been done by the nations God destroyed before Israel. [Leviticus 18:1-30]

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- ✧ When the kingdom of Judah fell into sin, God took away all the great wealth He had allowed to flow to Solomon and it was carried away to Egypt.
- ✧ Rehoboam attempted to retain the appearance of wealth by replacing the gold shields with shields made of bronze, because of the similar appearance though vastly inferior material.
- ✧ Rehoboam was all for show, not for substance.
- ✧ Many people today try to appear godly, but it is all pretense.

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- ✧ Rehoboam's turn from the Lord brought the invasion from Egypt. [2 Chronicles 12:14]
- ✧ Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah humbled themselves so they were not destroyed altogether but God gave them some deliverance. [2 Chron 12:1-9]
- ✧ There were wars between Rehoboam (Judah) and Jeroboam (Israel) all their days.