

2 Chronicles 11:1-23 **Rehoboam's reign in Judah – Righteous from all tribes moved to Judah**

Rehoboam attempted to bring the rebels back to his kingdom

1 Now when Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled from the house of Judah and Benjamin one hundred and eighty thousand chosen men who were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might restore the kingdom to Rehoboam.

2 But the word of Yahweh (the Lord) came to Shemaiah the man of Elohiym (God), saying,

3 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying,

4 "Thus says Yahweh (the Lord): "You shall not go up or fight against your brethren! Let every man return to his house, for this thing is from Me."" Therefore they obeyed the words of Yahweh (the Lord), and turned back from attacking Jeroboam.

Rehoboam Fortifies the Cities

5 So Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah.

6 And he built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa,

7 Beth Zur, Sochoh, Adullam,

8 Gath, Mareshah, Ziph,

9 Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah,

10 Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and Benjamin, fortified cities.

11 And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of food, oil, and wine.

12 Also in every city he put shields and spears, and made them very strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

Priests and Levites Move to Judah (1 Kings 14:21-24)

13 And from all their territories the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel took their stand with him.

14 For the Levites left their common-lands and their possessions and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and his sons had rejected them from serving as priests to Yahweh (the Lord).

15 Then he appointed for himself priests for the high places, for the demons, and the calf idols which he had made.

16 And after the Levites left, those from all the tribes of Israel, such as set their heart to seek Yahweh Elohey Yisrael (the Lord God of Israel), came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to Yahweh Elohey (the Lord God) of their fathers.

17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong for three years, because they walked in the way of David and Solomon for three years.

The Family of Rehoboam

18 Then Rehoboam took for himself as wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, and of Abihail the daughter of Eliah the son of Jesse.

19 And she bore him children: Jeush, Shamariah, and Zaham.

20 After her he took Maachah the granddaughter of Absalom; and she bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith.

21 Now Rehoboam loved Maachah the granddaughter of Absalom more than all his wives and his concubines; for he took eighteen wives and sixty concubines, and begot twenty-eight sons and sixty

daughters.

22 And Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maachah as chief, to be leader among his brothers; for he intended to make him king.

23 He dealt wisely, and dispersed some of his sons throughout all the territories of Judah and Benjamin, to every fortified city; and he gave them provisions in abundance. He also sought many wives for them.

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Facts Revealed:

Rehoboam attempted to bring the rebels back to his kingdom [2 Chronicles 11:1-4]

- ✧ When the northern tribes rebelled against Rehoboam to follow Jeroboam, Rehoboam assembled 180,000 chosen warriors to fight against the tribes that rebelled and bring them back to his kingdom. [2 Chronicles 11:1]
- ✧ Yahweh sent Shemaiah the man of God to Rehoboam and those with him with a command to refrain from war with the northern tribes because the division of the kingdom was the will of Elohiym. [2 Chronicles 11:2-4]
- ✧ They obeyed the word of Yahweh and returned home.

Rehoboam built and fortified the Cities in Judah and Benjamin [2 Chronicles 11:5-12]

- ✧ So Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defense in Judah. And he built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa, Beth Zur, Sochoh, Adullam, Gath, Mareshah, Ziph, Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah, Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and Benjamin, fortified cities. And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of food, oil, and wine. Also in every city he put shields and spears, and made them very strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

Priests and Levites Move to Judah (1 Kings 14:21-24) [2 Chronicles 11:13-17]

- ✧ Jeroboam and his sons rejected the priests and Levites of Yahweh from serving as priests to Yahweh in his territory among the northern tribes who went with him, instead he appointed for himself priests for the high places, for demons, and the golden calves he had made.
- ✧ The priests and Levites of Yahweh left their homes in the land of the northern tribes and went to Judah and Jerusalem.
- ✧ Then all those from all the tribes of Israel who had a heart for Yahweh Elohey Yisrael left their homes and came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to Yahweh Elohey. Thus strengthening the kingdom of Judah.
- ✧ So Rehoboam became strong because they walked in the way of David and Solomon for three years.

The Family of Rehoboam [2 Chronicles 11:18-23]

- ✧ Rehoboam took eighteen wives and sixty concubines and begot twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.
- ✧ Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maachah as chief leader among his brethren intending to make him king.
- ✧ Rehoboam dispersed some of his sons throughout all the territories of Judah and Benjamin to every fortified city, he provided for them abundantly and sought many wives for them.