

2 Chronicles 12:1-16 **Rehoboam & all Israel with him forsook Yahweh's Law**

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Yahweh allowed Egypt to Attack Judah (1 Kings 14:25-28)

2 And it happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against Yahweh (the Lord),

3 with twelve hundred chariots, sixty thousand horsemen, and people without number who came with him out of Egypt — the Lubim and the Sukkiim and the Ethiopians.

4 And he took the fortified cities of Judah and came to Jerusalem.

5 Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah, who were gathered together in Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, "Thus says Yahweh (the Lord): 'You have forsaken Me, and therefore I also have left you in the hand of Shishak.'"

Rehoboam and all Israel with him humbled themselves – Yahweh granted some deliverance

6 So the leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, "Yahweh (the Lord) is righteous."

7 Now when Yahweh (the Lord) saw that they humbled themselves, the word of Yahweh (the Lord) came to Shemaiah, saying, "They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance. My wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.

8 Nevertheless they will be his servants, that they may distinguish My service from the service of the kingdoms of the nations."

Shishak king of Egypt came against Jerusalem and carried away their treasures

9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord) and the treasures of the king's house; he took everything. He also carried away the gold shields which Solomon had made.

10 Then King Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who guarded the doorway of the king's house.

11 And whenever the king entered Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord), the guard would go and bring them out; then they would take them back into the guardroom.

12 When he humbled himself, the wrath of Yahweh (the Lord) turned from him, so as not to destroy him completely; and things also went well in Judah.

End of Rehoboam's Reign (1 Kings 14:21,22,29-31)

13 Thus King Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem and reigned. Now Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he became king; and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which Yahweh (the Lord) had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there. His mother's name was Naamah, an Ammonitess.

14 And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek Yahweh (the Lord).

15 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? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days.

16 So Rehoboam rested with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David. Then Abijah his son reigned in his place.

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Facts Revealed:

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✧ Now it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom and had strengthened himself, that he forsook the law of Yahweh (the Lord), and all Israel along with him. [2 Chronicles 12:1]

✧ The Priests and Levites along with all the people of every tribe who had a heart for Yahweh moved from the ten tribes under Jeroboam and came to Jerusalem strengthening Rehoboam **for three years** because they walked with Yahweh as David and Solomon had done. [2 Chronicles 11:13-17]

✧ It is interesting to see how quickly their righteous influence was cast aside when Rehoboam and all Israel with him forsook the law of Yahweh, so Yahweh brought punishment against them by allowing Shishak king of Egypt to come against Jerusalem in the **fifth year** of the reign of Rehoboam.

Yahweh allowed Egypt to Attack Judah (1 Kings 14:25-28) [2 Chronicles 12:2-5]

✧ And it happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem with 1,200 chariots, 60,000 horsemen, and people without number. He took all the fortified cities and came against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against Yahweh (the Lord). [2 Chronicles 12:2-4]

✧ Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah, who were gathered together in Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them, "Thus says Yahweh (the Lord): 'You have forsaken Me, and therefore I also have left you in the hand of Shishak.'" [2 Chronicles 12:5]

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✧ So the leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, "Yahweh (the Lord) is righteous." [2 Chronicles 12:6]

✧ Humbling oneself is a long way from true repentance, but it is a small step and Yahweh is gracious.

✧ Yahweh accepted their humility and sent Shemaiah to tell them that Yahweh will not destroy them entirely but will place them into servitude to Shishak so they may learn to discern the difference between serving Yahweh and serving other nations. [2 Chronicles 12:6-8]

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✧ So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord) and the treasures of the king's house; he took everything. He also carried away the gold shields which Solomon had made. [2 Chronicles 12:9]

✧ Rehoboam did not want to look entirely impoverished so he replaced the gold shields lost to Shishak king of Egypt with shields of bronze which were displayed when he entered Beit Yahweh. [2 Chronicles 12:10-11]

✧ When he humbled himself, the wrath of Yahweh (the Lord) turned from him, so as not to destroy him completely; and things also went well in Judah. [2 Chronicles 12:12]

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