

Rehoboam

1 Kings 14:25-28

Rehoboam : Foolish!!!

History of Rehoboam

- Kingdom taken from Solomon. (1 Kings 11:11ff)
- Rehoboam appointed King. (1 Kings 11:43-12:1)
- Foolish King – Divided the kingdom. (1 Kings 12:7-15; cf. 2 Chronicles 10:1-14)
- When Jeroboam becomes King of Israel, Rehoboam flees to Jerusalem from Shechem. (2 Chronicles 10:18-11:1)

History of Rehoboam

- Prepared for battle against Israel. (1 Kings 12:21ff; 2 Chronicles 11:1-4)
 - Did listen to Shemaiah ... Wise.
- Promise to Jeroboam. (1 Kings 11:38)
- Jeroboam – King of Israel warned. (1 Kings 13:1-3; 2 Kings 23:15ff)
- Further warning, Ahijah's prophecy against Jeroboam. (1 Kings 14:6-11; cf. 15:25-30, Nadab killed)

Who was Rehoboam?

- Rightful heir to the throne. (2 Chronicles 9:30-10:1)
- "Established the kingdom of Judah" (2 Chronicles 11:5-17 ; 11:23; 12:1) Forsook God!
- Multiple wives. (2 Chronicles 11:21)
- Sought multiple wives for his sons. (2 Chronicles 11:23); cf. Deuteronomy 17:14-20

Rehoboam's New Religion For Israel

Practiced Idolatry. (1 Kings 14:22-24; 2 Chronicles 12:1)

- 1 Kings 14:22-24 "And Judah did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, above all that their fathers had done. For they also built them high places, and pillars, and Asherim, on every high hill, and under every green tree; and there were also sodomites in the land; they did according to all the abominations of the nations which Jehovah drove out before the children of Israel."

- Shishak, prince in Egypt and Rehoboam. (Relatives by marriage) Shishak invades Judah.
- The Lord's reason is clear ...

- 2 Chronicles 12:2 "And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had trespassed against Jehovah."

- God sent Shemaiah, who said,
“Thus saith Jehovah, Ye have forsaken me, therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak” (2 Chronicles 12:5)

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The Repentance Of Rehoboam

- The princes and the king humbled themselves and God said to Shemaiah,
“They have humbled themselves: 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. Nevertheless they shall be his servants, that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries. So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king's house: he took all away: he took away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made.” (2 Chronicles 12:7-9)

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- When Solomon built his house he lined the hall leading to the temple with ...

“two hundred bucklers (shields) of beaten gold; six hundred (shekels) of gold went to one buckler ... and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon” (1 Kings 10:16-17).

- These two items, would be prizes that any king would like to take.
- Shishak did! (2 Chronicles 12:9)

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Rehoboam's Reaction To This Invasion !!!

- To ease his conscience, he had shields of brass made and placed on the wall.
 (2 Chronicles 12:10-11).

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Substitution of Brass for Gold

- Application:
- **Gold:** The Scriptures as the standard of authority in religion (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 4:11; Colossians 3:17; 2 John 9; Ephesians 3:3-4).
- **Brass:** Human creeds – manuals, disciplines and confessions of faith of different denominations.

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Substitution of Brass for Gold

- Application:
- **Gold:** Disciples called “Christians.” (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16; cf. Isaiah 62:2)
- **Brass:** Denominational names such as Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, etc.

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Substitution of Brass for Gold

- Application:
- **Gold:** Paul taught the Ephesians that Christ is its Savior (**Ephesians 5:23**) and the Hebrews that He is High Priest over the house of God (**Hebrews 10:21**).
- **Brass:** Doesn't make any difference what you believe. No such thing as one church.

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Substitution of Brass for Gold

- Application:
- **Gold:** Singing of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (**Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16**) and the observance of the Lord's supper upon the first day of the week were golden shields of its worship (**Acts 20:7**).
- **Brass:** Mechanical instruments in worship; doesn't make any difference when you observe the Lord's supper.

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Substitution of Brass for Gold

- Application:
- **Gold:** Obedience to the gospel necessary to salvation. (Romans 1:16) and in the same act people were added to the church by the Lord. (**Acts 2:37-42, 47**)
- **Brass:** Doctrines of salvation by faith only and join the church of your choice. (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)

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Conclusion: Mistakes Of Rehoboam

1. Shishak may have been king of Egypt and a perhaps a relative of Rehoboam, but when he removed the golden shields from the halls of the house of Rehoboam, he acted in the role of an enemy.
2. When anyone teaches another gospel, they act in the role of enemies of our Lord (**Philippians 3:18**).

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