

### Rehoboam's Dynasty (972–915 BC)

1 Kings 14:21	2 Chronicles 11:18–23; 12:13
<p>21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam <i>was</i> forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name <i>was</i> Naamah an Ammonitess.</p>	<p>12:13 So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam <i>was</i> one and forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name <i>was</i> Naamah an Ammonitess. 11:18 And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, <i>and</i> Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse; 19 Which bare him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham. 20 And after her he took Maachah the daughter of Absalom; which bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. 21 And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines; and begat twenty and eight sons, and threescore daughters.) 22 And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, <i>to be</i> ruler among his brethren: for <i>he thought</i> to make him king. 23 And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired many wives.</p>

### Rehoboam Forsakes God in His Fourth Year (928t BC)

1 Kings 14:22–24	2 Chronicles 12:1, 14
<p>22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD,  and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. 23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree. 24 And there were also sodomites in the land: <i>and</i> they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.</p>	<p>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. 14 And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.</p>

### God Sends Shishak to Discipline Judah (927t BC)

1 Kings 14:25–28	2 Chronicles 12:2–12
<p>25 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, <i>that</i> Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem:</p>	<p>2 And it came to pass, <i>that</i> 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 <i>were</i> without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians. 4 And he took the fenced cities which <i>pertained</i> to Judah, and came to Jerusalem. 5 Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and <i>to</i> 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.</p>

<p>26 And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.</p> <p>27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead brazen shields, and committed <i>them</i> unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house.</p> <p>28 And it was <i>so</i>, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber.</p>	<p>6 Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD <i>is</i> righteous.</p> <p>7 And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; <i>therefore</i> 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.</p> <p>8 Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.</p> <p>9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made.</p> <p>10 Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed <i>them</i> to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house.</p> <p>11 And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber.</p> <p>12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not destroy <i>him</i> altogether: and also in Judah things went well.</p>
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### The Death of Rehoboam (915t BC)

1 Kings 14:29–31	2 Chronicles 12:15–16
<p>29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, <i>are</i> they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?</p> <p>30 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all <i>their</i> days.</p> <p>31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name <i>was</i> Naamah an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.</p>	<p>15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, <i>are</i> they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies?</p> <p>And <i>there were</i> wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.</p> <p>16 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David:</p> <p>and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.</p>

### Abijah, Rehoboam's Son, Assumes the Throne of Judah (915t BC)

1 Kings 15:1–2	2 Chronicles 13:1–2a
<p>1 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah.</p> <p>2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name <i>was</i> Maachah, the [grand]daughter of Abishalom [Absalom].</p>	<p>1 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah.</p> <p>2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also <i>was</i> Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah.</p>

### Abijah's War With Jeroboam (c. 914t BC)

2 Chronicles 13:2b–20a
<p><b>Abijah Is Outnumbered</b></p> <p>2b And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.</p> <p>3 And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, <i>even</i> four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, <i>being</i> mighty men of valor.</p> <p><b>Abijah's Speech</b></p> <p>4 And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which <i>is</i> in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel;</p>

5 Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, *even* to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt?

6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord.

7 And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them.

8 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye *be* a great multitude, and *there are* with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods.

9 Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of *other* lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, *the same* may be a priest of *them that are* no gods.

10 But as for us, the LORD *is* our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, *are* the sons of Aaron, and the Levites *wait* upon *their* business:

11 And they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the showbread also *set they in order* upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him.

12 And, behold, God himself *is* with us for *our* captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

### God Helps Abijah Win a Victory Over Jeroboam

13 But Jeroboam caused an ambush to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambush *was* behind them.

14 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle *was* before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.

17 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men.

18 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers.

19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephraim with the towns thereof.

20a Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah:

## The Death of Abijah (912t BC)

1 Kings 15:3–8

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.

4 Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

5 Because David did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any *thing* that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his [Abijah's] life.

7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in

the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

8 And Abijah slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David:

and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

2 Chronicles 13:21–14:1a

13:21 But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

22 And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, *are* written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

14:1a So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.