

Rehoboam's Dynasty (972–915 BC)

1 Kings 14:21	2 Chronicles 11:18–23; 12:13
<p>21 Now Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. He was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which, from all of the tribes of Israel, Yahweh chose to place his name. And the name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonitess.</p>	<p>12:13 So King Rehoboam was strengthened in Jerusalem, and he reigned <i>there</i>. Now, Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city where Yahweh had chosen to put his name out of all the tribes of Israel. And the name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonite. 11:18 Then Rehoboam took to himself as a wife Mahalath, the daughter of Yerimot son of David, and of Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse. 19 And she bore to him sons: Jeush, Shemariah, and Zaham. 20 And after her he took Maacah the [grand]daughter of Absalom, who bore to him Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and Shelomith. 21 And Rehoboam loved Maacah the [grand]daughter of Absalom more than all his wives and concubines (for he took eighteen wives and sixty concubines, and he fathered twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters). 22 And Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah as chief and crown prince over his brothers, in order to make him king. 23 And he dealt wisely and distributed some of his sons throughout all the land of Judah and Benjamin, through all the fortified cities, and gave abundant provisions to them and obtained many wives <i>for them</i>.</p>

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

1 Kings 14:22–24	2 Chronicles 12:1, 14
<p>22 But Judah did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, and they annoyed him more than their fathers did with their sins that they had committed. 23 They also built for themselves high places and stone pillars and sacred poles on every high hill and under every green tree. 24 There were also male shrine prostitutes in the land, and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which Yahweh had driven out from before the Israelites.</p>	<p>1 And when the kingdom of Rehoboam was established and when he was strengthened, he forsook the law of Yahweh, and all Israel with him. 14 And he did evil, for he did not set his heart to seek Yahweh.</p>

God Sends Shishak to Discipline Judah (927t BC)

1 Kings 14:25–28	2 Chronicles 12:2–12
<p>25 It happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam that Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem,</p>	<p>2 And it happened <i>that</i> in the fifth year of King Rehoboam (for they had acted unfaithfully against Yahweh), Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem 3 with one thousand two hundred chariots and sixty thousand horsemen. And there was no number to the people who came up with him from Egypt—Libyans, Sukkites, and Cushites. 4 And he took the fortified cities that belonged to Judah, and he came up to Jerusalem. 5 Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the princes of Judah who had gathered at Jerusalem from before Shishak. And he said to them, "Thus says Yahweh: 'You yourselves have abandoned me, and I myself have surely abandoned you into the hand of Shishak.'" 6 Then the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves</p>

<p>26 and he took the treasures of the house of Yahweh, and he took all the treasures of the king's house. He took the small gold shields that Solomon had made, 27 so King Rehoboam made small copper shields in place of them and entrusted them to the commanders of the royal guard who keep the doorway of the king's house.</p> <p>28 Whenever the king came to the house of Yahweh, the royal guard carried them and brought them back to the alcove room of the royal guard.</p>	<p>and said, "Yahweh is righteous." 7 And when Yahweh saw that they humbled themselves, the word of Yahweh came to Shemaiah, saying, "They have humbled themselves; I will not destroy. I will give to them some way of escape, that my anger not be poured out against Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. 8 However, they shall be his servants, that they might know my service and the service of the kingdoms of <i>other</i> countries." 9 Then Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and he took the treasures out of the house of Yahweh and the treasures out of the king's house. He took everything. He also took the small shields of gold that Solomon had made. 10 And King Rehoboam made small shields of bronze in their place and committed them into the hand of the commanders of the guards who were keeping the entrance of the house of the king. 11 And whenever the king went into the house of Yahweh, the guards came and carried them, and then they returned them to the alcove of the guards. 12 And when he humbled himself, the anger of Yahweh was turned away from him, so that he did not destroy <i>the city</i> completely. Moreover, matters were well in Judah.</p>
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The Death of Rehoboam (915t BC)

1 Kings 14:29–31	2 Chronicles 12:15–16
<p>29 The remainder of the acts of Rehoboam and all that he did, are they not written on the scroll of the events of the days of the kings of Judah?</p> <p>30 There was always war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam.</p> <p>31 Then Rehoboam slept with his ancestors, and he was buried with his ancestors in the city of David. The name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonitess. Abijam his son became king in his place.</p>	<p>15 Now the words of Rehoboam <i>from</i> the first to the last, are they not written in the chronicles of Shemaiah the prophet and Iddo the seer as a record? And <i>there were</i> battles <i>between</i> Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days. 16 And Rehoboam slept with his ancestors, and he was buried in the city of David, and Abijah his son reigned in his place.</p>

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

1 Kings 15:1–2	2 Chronicles 13:1–2a
<p>1 In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijam began to reign over Judah. 2 Three years he reigned in Jerusalem. The name of his mother was Maacah the [grand]daughter of Abishalom [Absalom].</p>	<p>1 In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, Abijah reigned over Judah. 2 He reigned for three years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Micaiah the daughter of Uriel from Gibeah.</p>

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

2 Chronicles 13:2b–20a
<p>Abijah Is Outnumbered 2b Now there was war between Abijah and between Jeroboam. 3 And Abijah joined in the battle with an army of four hundred thousand battle-hardened warriors, chosen men, and Jeroboam put the battle in order against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, an army of mighty warriors.</p> <p>Abijah's Speech 4 Then Abijah stood up on top of Mount Zemaraim that <i>is</i> in the hill country of Ephraim and said, "Hear me, O Jeroboam and all Israel!</p>

5 Do you not all know that Yahweh the God of Israel gave the kingdom to David over Israel forever, to him and to his sons *by* a covenant of salt?

6 But Jeroboam the son of Nebat, a servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up and rebelled against his master,
7 and worthless men, sons of wickedness, were gathered about him and became hostile against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was a boy and gentle of heart and was not strong enough *to stand* before them.

8 So now you yourselves are considering *that you are* strong before the kingdom of Yahweh *which is* in the hand the sons of David, since you yourselves are a great multitude and you have bull calves of gold that Jeroboam has made for idols.

9 Did you not drive out the priests of Yahweh, the sons of Aaron, the Levites? Have you *not* made for yourselves priests like all the peoples of the lands? All who come to be consecrated for priestly service with a young bull or seven rams becomes a priest of *what is* not a god.

10 But as for us, Yahweh *is* our God, and we have not forsaken him. The priests serving Yahweh *are* the sons of Aaron, the Levites, according to their service.

11 They offer burnt offerings to Yahweh every morning and every evening, sweet spices of incense, and the rows of bread upon the pure table. And the golden lampstand with its lamps *they* keep kindled every evening, for we are keeping the requirement of Yahweh our God, but you yourselves have forsaken him.

12 And look, God *is* with us at the head, and his priests *have* the trumpets for sounding blasts against you, O sons of Israel. Do not fight against Yahweh, the God of your ancestors, for you will not succeed.”

God Helps Abijah Win a Victory Over Jeroboam

13 Then Jeroboam sent around an ambush to come behind them. So they were in front of Judah, but the ambush *was* behind them.

14 When Judah turned, then behold, the battle against them *was* in front and behind, and they cried to Yahweh, and the priests blew on the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah shouted, and it happened *that* when the men of Judah were shouting, then God defeated Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And the Israelites fled from before Judah, and God gave them into their hand.

17 And Abijah and his people struck a great blow against them, and the dead from Israel *that fell were* five hundred thousand chosen men.

18 And the Israelites were subdued at that time, and the people of Judah were victorious, for they relied upon Yahweh the God of their ancestors.

19 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam and took cities from him: Bethel with its villages, Jeshanah with its villages, and Ephron with its villages.

20a And Jeroboam did not regain strength again in the days of Abijah.

The Death of Abijah (912t BC)

1 Kings 15:3–8

3 He walked in all the sins of his father that he had done before him, and his heart was not fully with Yahweh his God as the heart of David his father.

4 For the sake of David, Yahweh his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, by establishing his son after him and by causing Jerusalem to exist;

5 because David did right in the eyes of Yahweh and he didn't turn aside from all that he commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

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

7 The remainder of the acts of Abijah and all that he did, are they not written in the scroll of the events of the days of the kings of Judah?

There was also war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

8 Abijah slept with his ancestors, and they buried him in the city of David, and Asa his son became king in his place.

2 Chronicles 13:21–14:1a

13:21 But Abijah became strong, and he took to himself fourteen wives and fathered twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.

22 Now the rest of the words of Abijah and his ways and his words are written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

14:1 And Abijah slept with his ancestors, and they buried him in the city of David. And Asa his son became king in his place.