

### 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. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen from all the tribes of Israel to put His name there. And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.</p>	<p>12:13 So King Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem and reigned. Now Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen from all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there. And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. 11:18 Then Rehoboam took as a wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David and of Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse, 19 and she bore him sons: Jeush, Shemariah and Zaham. 20 After her he took Maacah the [grand]daughter of Absalom, and she bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza and Shelomith. 21 Rehoboam loved Maacah the [grand]daughter of Absalom more than all his other wives and concubines. For he had taken eighteen wives and sixty concubines and fathered twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters. 22 Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah as head and leader among his brothers, for he intended to make him king. 23 He acted wisely and distributed some of his sons through all the territories of Judah and Benjamin to all the fortified cities, and he gave them food in abundance. And he sought many wives for them.</p>

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

1 Kings 14:22–24	2 Chronicles 12:1, 14
<p>22 Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD,  and they provoked Him to jealousy more than all that their fathers had done, with the sins which they committed. 23 For they also built for themselves high places and <i>sacred</i> pillars and Asherim on every high hill and beneath every luxuriant tree. 24 There were also male cult prostitutes in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.</p>	<p>1 When the kingdom of Rehoboam was established and strong, he and all Israel with him forsook the law of the LORD. 14 He did evil because he did not set 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 Now it happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, that Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.</p>	<p>2 And it came about in King Rehoboam's fifth year, because they had been unfaithful to the LORD, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem 3 with 1,200 chariots and 60,000 horsemen. And the people who came with him from Egypt were without number: the Lubim, the Sukkiim and the Ethiopians. 4 He captured the fortified cities of Judah and came as far as Jerusalem. 5 Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the princes of Judah who had gathered at Jerusalem because of Shishak, and he said to them, "Thus says the LORD, 'You have forsaken Me, so I also have forsaken you to Shishak.'" 6 So the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said, "The LORD is righteous." 7 When the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word</p>

<p>26 He took away the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house, and he took everything, even taking all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.</p> <p>27 So King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and committed them to the care of the commanders of the guard who guarded the doorway of the king's house.</p> <p>28 Then it happened as often as the king entered the house of the LORD, that the guards would carry them and would bring them back into the guards' room.</p>	<p>of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, "They have humbled themselves so I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some <i>measure</i> of deliverance, and My wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem by means of Shishak.</p> <p>8 But they will become his slaves so that they may learn <i>the difference between</i> 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 the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's palace. He took everything; he even took the golden shields which Solomon had made.</p> <p>10 Then King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place and committed them to the care of the commanders of the guard who guarded the door of the king's house.</p> <p>11 As often as the king entered the house of the LORD, the guards came and carried them and <i>then</i> brought them back into the guards' room.</p> <p>12 And when he humbled himself, the anger of the LORD turned away from him, so as not to destroy <i>him</i> completely; and also conditions were good 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 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?</p> <p>30 There was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.</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 was Naamah the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son became king in his place.</p>	<p>15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, from first to last, are they not written in the records of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the seer, according to genealogical enrollment?</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; and his son Abijah became king 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 Now in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, Abijam became king over Judah.</p> <p>2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Maacah</p> <p>the [<i>grand</i>]daughter of Abishalom [<i>Absalom</i>].</p>	<p>1 In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, Abijah became king over Judah.</p> <p>2a He reigned three years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Micaiah 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 Now there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.</p> <p>3 Abijah began the battle with an army of valiant warriors, 400,000 chosen men, while Jeroboam drew up in battle formation against him with 800,000 chosen men <i>who were</i> valiant warriors.</p> <p><b>Abijah's Speech</b></p> <p>4 Then Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, and said, "Listen to me, Jeroboam and all Israel:</p> <p>5 Do you not know that the LORD God of Israel gave the rule over Israel forever to David and his sons by a covenant of salt?</p> <p>6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up and rebelled against his master,</p>

7 and worthless men gathered about him, scoundrels, who proved too strong for Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, when he was young and timid and could not hold his own against them.

8 So now you intend to resist the kingdom of the LORD through the sons of David, being a great multitude and *having* with you the golden calves which Jeroboam made for gods for you.

9 Have you not driven out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron and the Levites, and made for yourselves priests like the peoples of *other* lands? Whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams, even he may become a priest of *what are* no gods.

10 But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the sons of Aaron are ministering to the LORD as priests, and the Levites attend to their work.

11 Every morning and evening they burn to the LORD burnt offerings and fragrant incense, and the showbread is *set* on the clean table, and the golden lampstand with its lamps is *ready* to light every evening; for we keep the charge of the LORD our God, but you have forsaken Him.

12 Now behold, God is with us at *our* head and His priests with the signal trumpets to sound the alarm against you. O sons of Israel, do not fight against the LORD God of your fathers, for you will not succeed.”

### God Helps Abijah Win a Victory Over Jeroboam

13 But Jeroboam had set an ambush to come from the rear, so that *Israel* was in front of Judah and the ambush was behind them.

14 When Judah turned around, behold, they were attacked both front and rear; so they cried to the LORD, and the priests blew the trumpets.

15 Then the men of Judah raised a war cry, and when the men of Judah raised the war cry, then it was that God routed Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 When the sons of Israel fled before Judah, God gave them into their hand.

17 Abijah and his people defeated them with a great slaughter, so that 500,000 chosen men of Israel fell slain.

18 Thus the sons of Israel were subdued at that time, and the sons of Judah conquered because they trusted in the LORD, the God of their fathers.

19 Abijah pursued Jeroboam and captured from him *several* cities, Bethel with its villages, Jeshanah with its villages and Ephron with its villages.

20a Jeroboam did not again recover strength 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 which he had committed before him; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, like the heart of his father David.

4 But for David’s sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to raise up his son after him and to establish Jerusalem;

5 because David did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the case of Uriah the Hittite.

6 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 became king in his place.

### 2 Chronicles 13:21–14:1a

13:21 But Abijah became powerful; and took fourteen wives to himself, and became the father of twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.

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

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