

Lesson 6
Rehoboam Reigns Over Judah
(1 Kings 14:21-31; 2 Chronicles 11:5 – 12:16)

Questions

1. How long did Rehoboam reign over Judah and what evil did he and the people of Judah commit in the sight of the Lord (1 K. 14:21-24; 2 Chron. 12:13-14)?

2. What did Rehoboam build in Judah and Benjamin (2 Chron. 11:5-12)?

3. What did many priests and Levites from Israel do at this time and why (2 Chron. 11:13-17; see also 13:9)?

4. What is said about the wives, the concubines, and the sons of Rehoboam (2 Chron. 11:18-23)?

5. What did Rehoboam do when he became strong (2 Chron. 12:1)?

6. What did Shishak, king of Egypt, do when he came to Jerusalem and why (1 K. 14:25-28; 2 Chron. 12:2-5, 9-11)?

7. What did the princes of Israel and Rehoboam do when Shemaiah the prophet spoke to them about Shishak's invasion of Judah (2 Chron. 12:6-8)?

8. What did the Lord do when Rehoboam humbled himself (2 Chron. 12:12)?

9. Who did Rehoboam war with and who reigned in his place when he died (1 K. 14:29-31; 2 Chron. 12:15-16)?

Digging Deeper

1. What are the approximate dates for Rehoboam's reign over Judah (1 K. 14:21; see also 1 Chron. 3:10 and Mt. 1:7)?
2. Who was the mother of Abijah, Maacah the daughter of Abishalom (1 K. 5:2), Maacah the daughter of Absalom (2 Chron. 11:20), or Micaiah the daughter of Uriel (2 Chron. 13:1-2)?
3. When did Shishak rule over Egypt (1 K. 14:25; see also 1 K. 11:20)?

Applications for Today

1. Do not provoke the Lord to jealousy with your evil and your sins (1 K. 14:22; Jas. 4:4-6).
2. Sodomy (homosexuality) is an abomination to the Lord (1 K. 14:24; 1 Cor. 6:9; 1 Tim. 1:10).
3. Division and sin among God's people can lead to war between God's people (1 K. 14:30; 2 Chron. 12:15; Gal. 5:15; Jas. 4:1-4).
4. When others like you are not following the Lord properly, be willing to separate from them and set your heart to seek the Lord (2 Chron. 11:16; 12:14; 19:3; 30:19; 1 Chron. 22:19; Ezra 7:10).
5. When God's people act right according to God's word they will be able to strengthen themselves together in the Lord's work (2 Chron. 11:17; Acts 16:5).
6. Be careful with your success because strength and pride can cause a person to forsake the law of the Lord (2 Chron. 12:1, 13; 26:16; 32:25; Deut. 8:14; 17:20; Ezek. 28:2; Dan. 5:20).
7. When you realize that you have forsaken the Lord, humble yourself and come back to the Lord (2 Chron. 7:14; 12:6-7, 12; 30:11; 32:26; 33:12, 19, 23; 36:12; Mt. 23:12; Lk. 14:11; 18:14).

8. The Lord is righteous in all that he does (2 Chron. 12:6; Psa. 11:7; 129:4; 145:17; Lam. 1:18).
9. There's a difference between the service we perform to the Lord and the service we perform to earthly rulers (2 Chron. 12:8; Rom. 6:16-18).
10. Sometimes good still exists in the midst of evil (2 Chron. 12:12; 19:3; Rev. 3:4).
11. It is easy to commit evil when your heart is not set on seeking the Lord (2 Chron. 11:16; 12:14; 30:19; 1 Chron. 22:19; Ezra 7:10).