

## Mistakes Of 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 12:7-11; cf. 2 Chron. 10:1-14)
- When Jeroboam becomes King of Israel, Rehoboam flees to Jerusalem from Shechem. (2 Chron. 10:18-11:1)

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## History of Rehoboam

- Prepared for battle against Israel. (1 Kings 12:21ff; 2 Chron. 11:1-4)
  - Did listen to Shemaiah... Wise.
- Promise to Jeroboam. (1 Kings 11:38ff)
- Jeroboam – King of Israel warned. (1 Kings 13:1-3)
- Ahijah's prophecy against Jeroboam. (1 Kings 14:6-10; cf. 15:25-30)

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## Who was Rehoboam?

- Rightful heir to the throne. (2 Chron. 9:30-10:1)
- “Established the kingdom of Judah” (2 Chron. 11:5-17 ; 11:23; 12:1)
- Multiple wives. (2 Chron. 11:21)
- Sought multiple wives for his sons. (2 Chron. 11:23); Cf. Deut. 17:14-20

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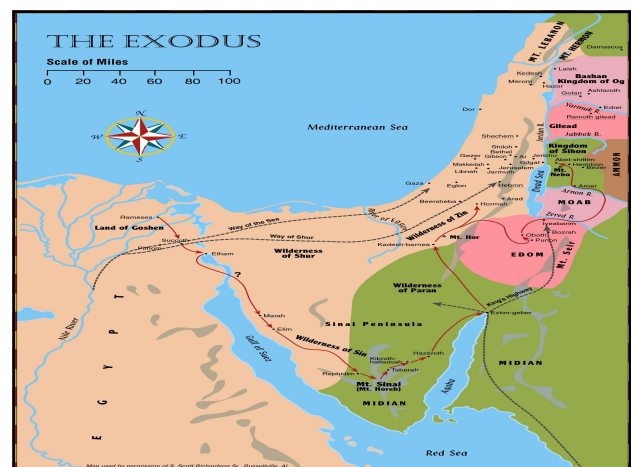
## Rehoboam's New Religion For Israel

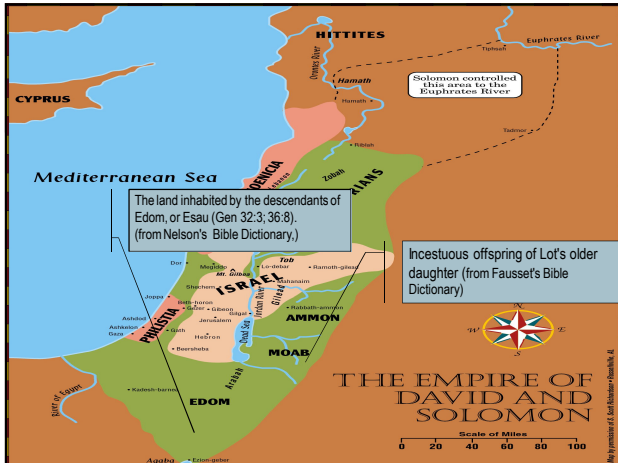
Practiced Idolatry. (1 Kings 14:22-24; 2 Chron. 12:1)

➤ 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 “King of Egypt came up against Jerusalem”

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## History Of Corresponding Rulers in Egypt And Israel During This Period

- **Siamen in Egypt and David in Israel.**
  - David and Joab invaded Edom and the Queen mother and her young son, Hadad, fled to Egypt where they were received by Pharaoh. (1 Kings 11:14-22)

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- (Pharaoh) Psabekhanu in Egypt and Solomon in Israel.
  - 1 Kings 3:1 "And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of Jehovah, and the wall of Jerusalem round about." (Cf. 1 Kings 9:16; cf. 7:8; 9:16; 2 Chron. 8:11)
  - 1 Kings 11:19 "And Hadad (Edomite) found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen."

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- ❑ Solomon becomes **Son-in-law to Pharaoh.** (1 Kings 3:1; cf. Deut. 17:16-17)
- ❑ Hadad the Edomite becomes Pharaoh's brother-in-law. (1 Kings 11:19)

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- (Pharaoh) Shishak, young prince in Egypt and Solomon ➡ Rehoboam.
  - Shishak has come to the throne in Egypt and marries the younger daughter of Psabekhanu (Pharaoh).
  - Remember Solomon had married an older daughter of Psabekhanu (Pharaoh)
  - When Solomon died, Rehoboam became king in Judah.

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## Solomon and Shishak Relatives

- ↓ Solomon married Pharaoh's older daughter (1 Kings 3:1)
- ↓ Claimed that Shishak married Pharaoh's younger daughter.
  - "It is possible that his claim to the throne was that of the sword, but it is more likely that he acquired it by marriage with a princess of the preceding dynasty." (<http://www.conservapedia.com/Shishak>)
- ↓ If that be true, then Rehoboam (son of Solomon) and Shishak are relatives.

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- Shishak, prince in Egypt and Rehoboam.
  - Shishak invades Judah. (1 Kgs. 14:25; 2 Chron. 12:2)
- (1) Did he see Rehoboam as a weak monarch who had already lost the major part of his kingdom and wanting to retain a foothold in the middle east moved to secure it in this way?
  - (2) Was it the allure of the wealth of the king's house and fear that since Rehoboam had lost so much of the kingdom that he might lose this also, so made the first move to get it?
  - (3) Or, did he act solely from greed for the gold in the king's house and the temple?

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## History Of Corresponding Rulers In Egypt And Israel During This Period

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

➤ *2 Chron 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."

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- When Judah's military outposts had fallen, Rehoboam and the princes had gathered in Jerusalem and God sent Shemaiah, who said,

*"Thus saith Jehovah, Ye have forsaken me, therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak" (2 Chron 12:5)*

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## The Repentance Of Rehoboam

- The princes and the king humbled themselves and God said to Shemiah,

*"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 Chron 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." (3 pounds went into one shield) and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon" (1 Kings 10:16-17).*

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Keil & Delitzsch, in their commentary on 1 Kings, estimate the weight of gold going into each target at about 9 pounds or a total of 1800 pounds of gold in the 200 targets and weight going into each of the shield is given to be three pounds so 300 shields would equal another 900 pounds or a total of 2700 pounds of gold in these two items, making them prizes that any king would like to take ---- which Shishak did!

- Judah had to learn the difference between Serving God and Serving Men.

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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 Chron. 12:10-11).
- When the King had worshiped, they were removed to the guard chamber, no doubt for polishing and shining for use again when the king went to worship!

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## Substitution of Brass for Gold

- Application:
- **Gold:** The Scriptures as the standard of authority in religion (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 4:11; Col. 3:17; 2 Jno. 9).
- **Brass:** Human creeds---manuals, disciplines and confessions of faith of different denominations.

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- Application:
- **Gold:** Disciples called "Christians." (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16)
- **Brass:** Denominational names such as Lutheran, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, etc.

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- Application:
- **Gold:** Paul taught the Ephesians that Christ is its Savior (Eph. 5:23) and the Hebrews that He is High Priest over the house of God (Heb. 10:21).
- **Brass:** Be a good moral person, loyalty to denominationalism, and the erroneous teaching that one doesn't have to be in the church to be saved.

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## Substitution of Brass for Gold

- Application:
- **Gold:** Singing of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Eph. 5:19; Col. 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 of music and by the quarterly, semi-annual and annual observance of the Lord's supper.

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## Substitution of Brass for Gold

- Application:
- **Gold:** Obedience to the gospel was the golden shield by which persons were saved (Rom. 1:16) and in the same act 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.

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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. There are men today in religion who claim to be ministers of Christ and to have been divinely called to preach, but when they remove from the church of our Lord truths taught by the apostles of Christ and replace them with the brazen shields of human teaching, they act in the role of enemies of our Lord (Phil. 3:18).

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