

2 Chronicles 11

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11 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of the house of Judah and Benjamin an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam. (His ego is bruised. He wants to start a civil war. God is against civil war)

² But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

³ Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, (God is called him king of Judah; not king of Israel)

⁴ Thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam. (God did not want civil war. HE knew that Rehoboam was as bad a leader as his father Solomon had become. He was into the same idolatry, arrogance and perversion that his father was. That's why he lost most of the kingdom)

⁵ And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah.

⁶ He built even Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa,

⁷ And Bethzur, and Shoco, and Adullam,

⁸ And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph,

⁹ And Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah,

¹⁰ And Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and in Benjamin fenced cities.

(Most of these cities are south of Jerusalem. Rehoboam fortified them to protect against Egypt. With Israel split, Egypt might have seen this as weakness, and try to take advantage of Judah. Also Jeroboam had been hiding in Egypt to escape Solomon. He had many allies there)

¹¹ And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store of victual, and of oil and wine.

¹² And in every several city he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

¹³ And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel resorted to him out of all their coasts. (him = Rehoboam)

(The priests were all coming into Judah, to worship the LORD. Jeroboam had set up golden calves for the people to worship. He had forbidden worship of the LORD in the northern 10 tribes. The righteous people fled to Judah)

¹⁴ For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the LORD: (He set up golden calves in Ephraim and in Dan. He set up his own made up religion. He forbade the worship of Yahoveh)

¹⁵ And he ordained him priests for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made. (devils- hairy goat like creatures that were gods in Egypt. Jeroboam made up his own false religion with false priests)

(God made the same promise to Jeroboam that He did to David and to Solomon. If you walk in My ways and keep the faith, I will establish your kingdom. Jeroboam failed right off the bat when he abandoned God and started his own religion)

NOTES: (Look at us today. Priests and ministers are teaching – Eve eating an apple; Easter <a pagan spring orgy taken from the Phoenicians> replacing Passover; rapture doctrine made up in 1830; and many other traditions of men. Most Christians don't even know who the Kenites are. Most Christians don't understand the Bible because they never studied it)

(When antichrist shows up at the 6th Trump, he will have these people completely fooled as well)

¹⁶ And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers. (Those who remained faithful to God refused to worship Jeroboam's golden calves and moved to Judah. The 10 northern tribes became a heathen nation because of Jeroboam)

¹⁷ So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon. (After only three years, Rehoboam fell into Idolatry, like Solomon, his father)

¹⁸ And Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David to wife, and Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse;

(Jerimoth was the son of David through one of his concubines. He is not in David's genealogy. Eliab would have been one or two generations down from Jesse, so Abihail was probably a granddaughter not a daughter. There is no word for grandson or granddaughter in old Hebrew)

¹⁹ Which bare him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham. (These were Rehoboam's three oldest sons)

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.) (Rehoboam is falling into the same trap as Solomon – multiplying wives unto himself – 18 wives, 60 concubines. He will go on to become as pathetic as Solomon)

²² And Rehoboam made Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, to be ruler among his brethren: for he thought to make him king. (The first born should be the heir, unless otherwise stated by God. The heir should have been Jeush) See Deuteronomy-21:15-17

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. (He did that to keep his sons rich and happy so that they wouldn't seek the throne)