

2 Chronicles 13

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13 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah. **1Kings-14 (He's called Abijam) (Abijah = worshipper of Yah)**

²He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. **(Hostilities, not all out war yet, but war is coming soon)**

(In Josephus-8:10, he states that Uriel was Tamar's husband. Tamar was the daughter of Absalom, David's son)

³And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valour. **(Judah is outnumbered 2 to 1) (This battle is not recorded in the Book of Kings)**

⁴And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel;

⁵Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? **1Samuel-7 (The covenant of salt was later fulfilled through Jesus, descendant of David though Nathan. HE will reign forever. Solomon was not the ancestor of Jesus. Solomon's seed line ended with Zedekiah)**

⁶Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord. **(Abijah is claiming that Jeroboam was not of the progeny of David; therefore he is not rightfully the king of anything. He was in fact a servant of Solomon)**

(Jeroboam turned out to be a great disappointment to God. Once he got in, he turned Israel away from God, into the idolatry of the Egyptians and the Canaanites. Israel never recovered. They never returned to God)

⁷And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon,

when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them. (Belial = worthless, crooked, no values or morals) (Rehoboam was 41; hardly a youngster. Also he was an arrogant man, willing to abuse the people. It took only three years for him to fall to idolatry and perversion)

⁸And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye be a great multitude, and there are with your golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods. (This part is true; Jeroboam abandoned God for these golden calves and his fake priests)

⁹Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of other lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods. (Jeroboam's made-up religion – worshipping two golden calves) Leviticus-8:2 (1 bullock & 2 rams was the manner to consecrate a Levite priest for God. Jeroboam plagiarized this and upped it to 7 rams. He also made up feast days in the 8th month and abandoned the 7th month feasts that God established)

¹⁰But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites wait upon their business: (Judah kept the worship of God, as He had commanded Israel. That's not entirely true. They kept the worship of Yahoveh, but they also brought in the worship of the Canaanite idols, and took on their perversion in the groves)

¹¹And they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also set they in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him. (All true)

¹²And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper. (Good advice)

¹³But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment was behind them. (Judah is surrounded and outnumbered. They will have to fight on two fronts)

¹⁴ And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. **Numbers-10:9**

¹⁵ Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. **(God smote Israel, Judah didn't)**

¹⁶ And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand.

¹⁷ And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men. **(This was a crushing defeat for Israel. They lost more than half of their army)**

¹⁸ Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers. **(relied = rest – better translation) (LORD God = Yahoveh El-o-heem)**

(Sabbath is also translated rest. Our rest to day is in Jesus Christ)

¹⁹ And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephraim with the towns thereof. **(Bethel was one of the places with a golden calf made by Jeroboam. The other one was in Dan)**

²⁰ Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD struck him, and he died. **(He reigned 22 years) (Jeroboam and Ahab – 2 of the worst kings of Israel – both reigned 22 years)**

²¹ But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters.

²² And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the story of the prophet Iddo. **(Abijah only ruled 3 years)**