

2 Chronicles 16:8-10

Oh give thanks to the LORD!

Call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him; sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name.

Let the hearts of those

who seek the LORD rejoice!

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And as soon as Jeroboam the son of Nebat  
heard of it (for he was in Egypt,  
where he had fled from King Solomon),  
then Jeroboam returned from Egypt.

And they sent and called him.

And Jeroboam and all Israel  
came and said to Rehoboam:

“Your father made our yoke heavy.  
Now therefore lighten the hard service  
of your father and his heavy yoke on us,  
and we will serve you.”



2 Chronicles 10:5

He said to them,

“Come to me again in three days.”

So the people went away.

2 Chronicles 10:6-7

Then King Rehoboam took counsel  
with the old men, who had stood before  
Solomon his father while he was yet alive, saying,  
“How do you advise me to answer this people?”

And they said to him,  
“If you will be good to this people  
and please them and speak good words to them,  
then they will be your servants forever.”

But he abandoned the counsel  
that the old men gave him,  
and took counsel with the young men  
who had grown up with him  
and stood before him.

And he said to them,  
“What do you advise that we answer  
this people who have said to me,  
‘Lighten the yoke that your father put on us’?”

2 Chronicles 10:10-11

And the young men who had grown up with him said to him, “Thus shall you speak to the people who said to you, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but you lighten it for us’; thus shall you say to them:

“My little finger is thicker than my father’s thighs. And now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.”

2 Chronicles 10:12-14

So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king said,

“Come to me again the third day.”

And the king answered them harshly;  
and forsaking the counsel of the old men,  
King Rehoboam spoke to them according to  
the counsel of the young men, saying,

“My father made your yoke heavy,  
but I will add to it.

My father disciplined you with whips,  
but I will discipline you with scorpions.”

2 Chronicles 10:15

So the king did not listen to the people,  
for it was a turn of affairs brought about by God  
that the LORD might fulfill his word,  
which he spoke by Ahijah the Shilonite  
to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

And when all Israel saw that  
the king did not listen to them,  
the people answered the king:  
“What portion have we in David?  
We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse.  
Each of you to your tents, O Israel!  
Look now to your own house, David.”

So all Israel went to their tents.

2 Chronicles 10:17-19

But Rehoboam reigned over the people of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah.

Then King Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was taskmaster over the forced labor, and the people of Israel stoned him to death with stones.

And King Rehoboam quickly mounted his chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.



Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served,  
but to serve, and to give his life  
as a ransom for many.”

John 10:11-15

“I am the good shepherd.  
The good shepherd lays down his life  
for the sheep.

“He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd,  
who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming  
and leaves the sheep and flees,  
and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.  
He flees because he is a hired hand  
and cares nothing for the sheep.”

John 10:11-15

“I am the good shepherd.  
I know my own and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

Jeremiah 18:11-12

Now, therefore, say to the men of Judah  
and the inhabitants of Jerusalem:

“Thus says the LORD,  
behold, I am shaping disaster against you  
and devising a plan against you.  
Return, everyone from his evil way,  
and amend your ways and your deeds.”

But they will reply, “It’s no use.  
We will continue with our own plans;  
each of us will follow the stubbornness  
of his evil heart.

Jeremiah 17:9-10

The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately sick;  
who can understand it?

I the LORD search the heart and test the mind,  
to give every man according to his ways,  
according to the fruit of his deeds.

2 Chronicles 11:1

When Rehoboam came to Jerusalem,  
he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin,  
180,000 chosen warriors,  
to fight against Israel,  
to restore the kingdom to Rehoboam.

But the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God:

“Say to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin: ‘Thus says the LORD, You shall not go up or fight against your relatives. Return every man to his home, for this thing is from me.’”

So they listened to the word of the LORD and returned and did not go against Jeroboam.

2 Chronicles 11:5-12

Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem,  
and he built cities for defense in Judah.  
He built Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa, Beth-zur, Soco,  
Adullam, Gath, Mareshah, Ziph, Adoraim, Lachish,  
Azekah, Zorah, Aijalon, and Hebron,  
fortified cities that are in Judah and in Benjamin.  
He made the fortresses strong,  
and put commanders in them,  
and stores of food, oil, and wine.  
And he put shields and spears in all the cities  
and made them very strong.  
So he held Judah and Benjamin.



2 Chronicles 11:13-15

And the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel presented themselves to him from all places where they lived.

For the Levites left their common lands and their holdings and came to Judah and Jerusalem, because Jeroboam and his sons cast them out from serving as priests of the LORD, and he appointed his own priests for the high places and for the goat idols and for the calves that he had made.

2 Chronicles 11:16-17

And those who had set their hearts  
to seek the LORD God of Israel  
came after them from all the tribes of Israel  
to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD,  
the God of their fathers.

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2 Chronicles 12:1

When the rule of Rehoboam was established  
and he was strong,  
he abandoned the law of the LORD,  
and all Israel with him.

Deuteronomy 32:15

But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked;  
you grew fat, stout, and sleek;  
then he forsook God who made him  
and scoffed at the Rock of his salvation.

2 Chronicles 12:2-4

In the fifth year of King Rehoboam,  
because they had been unfaithful to the LORD,  
Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem  
with 1,200 chariots and 60,000 horsemen.  
And the people were without number  
who came with him from Egypt –  
Libyans, Sukkiim, and Ethiopians.

And he took the fortified cities  
of Judah and came as far as Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 12:5-6

Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and to the princes of Judah, who had gathered at Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said to them,  
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Then the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves and said,  
“The LORD is righteous.”



When the LORD saw that  
they humbled themselves,  
the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah:

“They have humbled themselves.  
I will not destroy them,  
but I will grant them some deliverance,  
and my wrath shall not be poured out  
on Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.”

2 Chronicles 12:8

“Nevertheless, they shall be servants to him,  
that they may know my service  
and the service of the kingdoms  
of the countries.”

2 Chronicles 12:9a

So Shishak king of Egypt  
came up against Jerusalem.  
He took away the treasures  
of the house of the LORD  
and the treasures of the king's house.  
He took away everything.

2 Chronicles 12:9b-11

He also took away the shields of gold  
that Solomon had made,  
and King Rehoboam made in their place  
shields of bronze and committed them  
to the hands of the officers of the guard,  
who kept the door of the king's house.

And as often as the king went  
into the house of the LORD,  
the guard came and carried them  
and brought them back to the guardroom.

2 Chronicles 12:12

And when he humbled himself  
the wrath of the LORD turned from him,  
so as not to make a complete destruction.  
Moreover, conditions were good in Judah.

2 Chronicles 12:13

So King Rehoboam grew strong in Jerusalem  
and reigned.

Rehoboam was forty-one years old  
when he began to reign,  
and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem,  
the city that the LORD had chosen  
out of all the tribes of Israel  
to put his name there.

His mother's name was  
Naamah the Ammonite.

2 Chronicles 12:14

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2 Chronicles 12:15-16

Now the acts of Rehoboam, from first to last,  
are they not written in the chronicles  
of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the seer?

There were continual wars between  
Rehoboam and Jeroboam.

And Rehoboam slept with his fathers  
and was buried in the city of David,  
and Abijah his son reigned in his place.



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Deuteronomy 31:20

“For when I have brought them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to give to their fathers, and they have eaten and are full and grown fat, they will turn to other gods and serve them, and despise me and break my covenant.”

Deuteronomy 32:15

But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked;  
you grew fat, stout, and sleek;  
then he forsook God who made him  
and scoffed at the Rock of his salvation.

Jeremiah 2:12-13

Be appalled, O heavens, at this!  
Be shocked, be utterly desolate,  
declares the LORD,  
for my people have committed two evils:

They have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living waters,  
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,  
broken cisterns that can hold no water.

2 Chronicles 7:13-14

When I shut up the heavens  
so that there is no rain,  
or command the locust to devour the land,  
or send pestilence among my people,  
if my people who are called by my name  
humble themselves,  
and pray and seek my face  
and turn from their wicked ways,  
then I will hear from heaven  
and will forgive their sin  
and heal their land.

1 Chronicles 16:11

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Deuteronomy 4:29

But from there you will seek the LORD your God  
and you will find him,

if you search after him

with all your heart and with all your soul.

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Jeremiah 29:11-14

For I know the plans I have for you,  
declares the LORD,

plans for wholeness and not for evil,  
to give you a future and a hope.

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Jeremiah 29:11-12

Then you will call upon me

and come and pray to me,

and I will hear you.

You will seek me and find me.

When you seek me with all your heart,

I will be found by you,

declares the LORD.



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Jeremiah 17:14

Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed.

Save me, and I shall be saved,

for you are my praise.