

2 CHRONICLES CHAPTER 12

¹ And it came to pass when the kingdom of Rehoboam was established, and when he had grown strong, *that* he forsook the commandments of the Lord, and all Israel with him. ² And it came to pass in the fifth year of the reign of Rehoboam, *that* Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had sinned against the Lord, ³ with twelve hundred chariots, and sixty thousand horses. And there was no number of the multitude that came with him from Egypt: Libyans, *the* Sukkiim, and *the* Ethiopians. ⁴ And they obtained possession of the strong cities, which were in Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

⁵ And Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah that were gathered to Jerusalem for fear of Shishak, and said to them, "Thus says the Lord: 'You have left Me, and I will leave you in the hand of Shishak.'" ⁶ And the elders of Israel and the king were ashamed, and said, "The Lord *is* righteous." ⁷ And when the Lord saw that they repented, then the word of the Lord came to Shemaiah, saying, "They have repented; I will not destroy them, but I will set them in safety for a little while, and My wrath shall not be poured out on Jerusalem. ⁸ Nevertheless they shall be servants, and know My service, and the service of the kings of the earth."

⁹ So Shishak king of Egypt went up against Jerusalem, and took the treasures that were in the house of the Lord, and the treasures that were in the king's house: he took all, and he took the golden shields which Solomon had made. ¹⁰ And King Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place. And Shishak set over him captains of footmen, as keepers of the gate of the king. ¹¹ And it came to pass, when the king went into the house of the Lord, the guards and the footmen went in, and those that returned to meet the footmen. ¹² And when he repented, the anger of the Lord turned from him, and did not destroy him utterly; for there were good things in Judah.

¹³ So King Rehoboam strengthened *himself* in Jerusalem, and reigned. And Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, in the city which the Lord chose out of all the tribes of the children of Israel, to call His name there; and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. ¹⁴ And he did evil, for he did not set his heart on seeking the Lord.

¹⁵ And the acts of Rehoboam, the first and the last, behold, are they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and Iddo the seer, with his achievements? ¹⁶ And Rehoboam made war with Jeroboam all *his* days. And Rehoboam died with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David; and Abijah his son reigned in his place.