

Covid Keys & Cures in 2 Chronicles

Please read 2 Chronicles Chapter 12

In this chapter we learn of (i) Rehoboam's fall from grace, (ii) the consequential apostasy & defeat of the cities of Judah & (iii) Rehoboam's repentance & partial restoration. Notice:

- (i) Rehoboam 'forsook the law of the Lord' carrying 'all Israel along with him' (v1). Leaders of people carry great responsibilities! They have power and influence for both good and bad. The human heart is fickle like that of a sheep. Wherefore, people are very likely to follow a strong leader. Rehoboam turned away from the Lord which resulted in his turning away from God's law (v1). Consequently, others were emboldened to do the same!

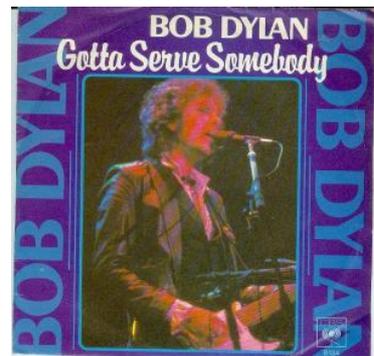
May God raise up for us strong leaders for His people in this our own day - leaders whose hearts are humble before God and who 'tremble at His word' (Is 66:2).

Jeroboam might have imagined that Shishak (king of Egypt) attacked Judah arbitrarily. But more than once we learn in this passage that Shishak's plot was the Lord's doing! Moreover, we're told why: 'because they had transgressed against the Lord' (v2).

The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; like the rivers of water, He turns it wherever He wishes.
(Proverbs 21:1)

- (ii) Again and again in Scripture we read of God orchestrating the affairs of state in accordance with His own providential design. God explained the providence via Shemaiah His prophet. Today, the Christian Churches are haemorrhaging; second generation 'Christians' are turning from their parent's faith and embracing Wokism, Relativism & politically correct ideology. The whole country lies in the grip of psychological tyranny pushing lies perpetrated by mass propaganda funded by counterfeit currency, etc. God's prophet (Shemaiah) corresponds perhaps to the countless hundreds of thousands of unchurched protesters who are awake to what's going on. Alas, their message of revolt against our corrupt establishment overlords falls on deaf ears – the Churches have largely complied with the government narrative and have become willing slaves happily looking forward to a debased NWO!

- (iii) Happily, Rehoboam and all his officials repented when confronted with their sin. As a result, God intervened and brought about a significant measure of deliverance, etc. But notice that in the aftermath, having suffered material losses, God ordained a season of hardship for His people (v8). The reason supplied to us in the text reminds me of Bob Dylan's famous song from 1979 – 'Gotta serve somebody.' Service is inescapable! Everyone serves someone, either the Lord or Satan. It follows logically that all civil governments are theocracies. God (gods) cannot be abstracted from government. The only pertinent question *WE* must resolve is 'Which God are we going to serve?'



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- ***Should we aspire to have better leaders? How important is it that we have good/godly leaders in (i) our Churches & (ii) in government?***
- ***Is history capricious or purposeful? Do you recognise & read (correctly) the providences of God? Has Covid-19 been sent from God? What might have been God's purpose?***
- ***Do we live under a 'theocracy'? What are we to make of the arguments we encounter that warn us against embracing theocratic rule?***
- ***What might a godly/Christian civil administration look like if ever we were to see it realised in the UK?***