

Covid Keys & Cures in 2 Chronicles

Please read 2 Chronicles Chapter 13

In this chapter we read of (i) Abijah's honourable stand against Rehoboam, (ii) Jeroboam's wilful ignorance & defiance & (iii) the aftermath of prosperity for Abijah contrasted with the demise & death of Jeroboam. Notice:

- (i) Rehoboam's fighting men were outnumbered two to one; Abijah addressed Rehoboam & his army before the affray. He supplied them with a truthful account of what had led up to this crisis. He necessarily drew attention to its religious underpinnings (verses 8,9)! WE MUST DO LIKEWISE as we endeavour to account to our friends & family for the tyranny/mischief we are presently under from Big Gov't & the globalist cabal!

Abijah was confident of success. Why? Because he comprehended the situation in the light of God's covenant promises – i.e. prosperity for covenantal faithfulness vs curses for covenantal disobedience (verses 10-12).

Now look, God Himself is with us as our head, and His priests with sounding trumpets to sound the alarm against you. O children of Israel, do not fight against the Lord God of your fathers, for you shall not prosper!" (v12)

- (ii) Notwithstanding Abijah's truthful account, Jeroboam dug in his heels and established an ambush before and behind Judah (the people of God). Jeroboam, represented one who possessed only a formal faith. Informally, his heart was cold. His spurning of God's law, his own preferences and determination to engage with God ON HIS OWN TERMS marked him out as an enemy of the Most High. Accordingly, we read:

... it happened that God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. And the children of Israel fled before Judah, and God delivered them into their hand. Then Abijah and his people struck them with a great slaughter; so, five hundred thousand choice men of Israel fell slain. Thus, the children of Israel were subdued at that time; and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied on the Lord God of their fathers (vs15-18).

- (iii) The last four verses of the chapter contrast the plight of Abijah with Jeroboam's end. Abijah prospered, gained territories & established his control in the region. [NB. As mentioned before, polygamy was essentially a military tactic back then. We mustn't fall prey to suppose that everything occurring in that transitory epoch of redemptive history represents a blueprint for idealised human civilisation. God sanctioned divorce & slavery too under Moses: neither represent the glorious summation of human culture in Christ to which we aspire (see Is 65 & Rev 22:1-4)]
By contrast, Jeroboam met with death. His character, his spurious spirituality and especially his rejection of God's covenant law stand as inglorious warnings for all today who dare to share in his wicked schemes.

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- *Are we perhaps, as anti-lockdown (Gov't Covid narrative) Christians, outnumbered? How does that make us feel at times?*
- *What was Abijah's strategy with Jeroboam?*
- *With whom are the main line (evangelical!?) Churches aligned? Are they for us or against us? What inevitably must be the outcome of our great struggle? (See Rom 8:31-37)*
- *Have we, unwittingly perhaps, allowed for some of Jeroboam's sins in our own midst by tolerating a form of divine worship not sanctioned by the Word of God? What might that look like?*