

The impact of spiritual instability

1 Kings 14:21-32; 2 Chronicles 11 & 12

Rehoboam's bad start – His harshness split Israel (1 Kings 12)

- I. Recovery – Rehoboam spiritually recovered for three good years (2 Chronicles 11:1-23).
 - A. He obeyed God and prevented war (1-4).
 - B. He strengthened the kingdom of Judah (5-12).
 - C. He welcomed godly priests and others who came to Judah to follow the Lord (13-17).
 - D. He wisely managed his sons (18-23).

- II. Relapse – Rehoboam spiritually relapsed, so God disciplined him (2 Chronicles 12:1-4).
 - A. Rehoboam and many others abandoned God's word (1).
 - B. As discipline God allowed Egypt victory (2-4).

- III. Repentance but discipline – Rehoboam repented but faced God's discipline (2 Chronicles 12:5-13).
 - A. God confronted Rehoboam and leaders who humbled themselves (5-6)
 - B. God graciously limited his discipline (7-13).

- IV. Failing grade – Rehoboam is known as an evil king (2 Chronicles 12:14; 1 Kings 14:22-24).
 - A. He didn't seek the Lord (2 Chronicles 12:14).
 - B. Many people in Judah became idolatrous (1 Kings 14:22-24).