

Recognising mistakes



Simone is facing a class test. She knows exactly: It's not going to be easy. The teacher urges the class to take the test seriously, as the result is vital for obtaining a place for an apprenticeship. Simone doesn't take too much note – she'd rather take things easy. After the test, her gut feeling is pretty positive and she expects a reasonable result. But it's going to be different: She has made many silly little mistakes. The resulting mark is an "F". Not much chance of getting a place for an apprenticeship with that! Is this fair? Yes, because most of her class mates have put a lot of work into the test and therefore have obtained better results.

What Rehoboam has to experience here follows a similar principle: to turn away from God and to ignore Him has serious consequences. There is a war, and the defeat is embarrassing. If things go wrong in your life you also have to think very carefully what God may want to tell you. If necessary, do what Rehoboam did and acknowledge that God is righteous and that you deserve to suffer the consequences of your wrong behaviour.



- 35. What is the difference between "to be humble" and "to humble oneself"? Read also 1 Peter 5:5-6.
- 36. You have just read about Shemaiah – what is he described as?



To acknowledge a mistake is often more difficult than to make one.



35. A humble person takes the position a man has before God. Those who humble themselves recognise that they have left this position and that they would like to take it again. 36. Shemaiah is called a prophet (v5).