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2 Chronicles 13:1-12



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War between brothers



In chapter 11, war between the northern and the southern kingdom was avoided because God, through the prophet Shemaiah, sent an effective message to Rehoboam, the father of Abijah.

Now however, Abijah starts a war against Jeroboam and his army.

He makes a speech, which is quite remarkable, as it points out clearly the difference between the northern and the southern kingdom. In the southern kingdom, true worship takes place, according to the example of David and Solomon, whilst in the northern kingdom, Jeroboam has introduced idol worship. Jeroboam was keen to prevent his subjects from travelling to Jerusalem as God had commanded. That's why he had idols made.

The speech is also remarkable in that God doesn't exactly speak positively about Abijah in 1 Kings 15:1-8. He is an impressive speaker, but his actions displease God. Yet here he appeals to God and is certain that God is with him.



37. What can you notice regarding Abijah's behaviour? Does he ask God before he starts the battle?

38. Jeroboam makes golden calves. Do you know where a golden calf is mentioned for the first time in Israel's history?



Speak much with God in prayer, so that you build a close relationship with Him!



37. Abijah doesn't ask after God's plans and thoughts, but goes immediately to battle against the northern kingdom. He seems to know very well what is wrong with the northern kingdom. He is certainly right in this, but maybe not everything is in order in his own kingdom either. 38. In Exodus 32. When Moses received the tablets of the law on mount Sinai.