

We can unequivocally say that “all Scripture” presents a glorious, holy, sovereign, just, compassionate, & saving God who always does what is right -- at all times.

In our chapter today, we see the faithful God pouring out GRACE upon & delivering His covenant people, who don't deserve it! [But they humbly cry out & he powerfully saves!]

THESIS — We'll understand this battle account (civil war) under a few headings...

## **I. THE WAR OF ABIJAH (1-3)**

## **II. THE TRUST OF ABIJAH (4-19)**

**Verses 4-12** is essentially a speech/a sermon/a public proclamation:

**Verses 13-19** - While giving the Speech, Jeroboam is actively/cunningly plotting & Jeroboam had set an ambush to come from the rear

### **1. Ambush of Jeroboam (13-14) --**

**2. Prayer for help (14-15a) --**

**3. God's giving of victory (15b-16) --**

**4. Details of the outcome (17-19) --**

**Summary: v.18 -**

From the *Westminster Confession of Faith*: “FAITH in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and REST upon Him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.”

**III. THE SINS OF ABIJAH (20-22)**

## **IV. THE SUMMARY OF ABIJAH (1 Kings 15.3)**

GOD is faithful. GOD gives victory. GOD honors His covenant.

Even when there are people who are sinful, evil, wicked, unfaithful, hypocritical, GOD remains faithful always.

God doesn't change his eternal promises/covenants based upon the fickleness/conduct of his covenant-people. That's the glory & comfort of God's *unchangeable, unilateral, unconditional promises!*

➔ There is a greater King, a greater Son of David to come — Jesus, who will return — and rule over God's Kingdom forever. And this is a great kingdom!

- ✓ God's kingdom is a **coming Kingdom**
- ✓ God's kingdom is an **everlasting Kingdom**
- ✓ God's kingdom is a **worshiping Kingdom**
- ✓ God's kingdom is a **victorious Kingdom**
- ✓ God's kingdom is a **joyous Kingdom**

*Conclusion:*

Consider Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

***I Sing the Mighty Power of God***

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the  
mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the  
lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the  
day;  
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the  
stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth  
with food,  
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and  
then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn  
my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy  
glories known,  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from  
Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy  
care;  
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God art  
present there.

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness!*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see.*  
*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!