

**THE TRAGEDY OF REHOBOAM'S LIFE:
“HE PREPARED NOT HIS HEART TO SEEK THE LORD”
2 CHRONICLES 12:13-14**

Introduction

Rehoboam was one of Solomon's sons. His mother was Naamah, who was an Ammonite.

The Ammonites were descendants of Lot through his incestuous relation with one of his daughters after the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Rehoboam had all the physical tools to do what he should have done as king of Israel...think about it:

1. He Had A Father Who Was Renowned For His Wisdom—Solomon.
2. He Had A Grandfather Who Was Known For His Heart After God—David.
3. He Had Grown Up In The Best Of Residences—King's palace.
4. He Had Assumed One Of The Greatest Positions—The King Of Israel.
5. He Had Grown Up And Lived In The Greatest City—Jerusalem.
6. He Had Some Of The Greatest Teachings—The Proverbs.

However, in spite of all these things he had going for him, he still did evil!

I. THE CHARACTER OF REHOBOAM'S SINS.

If Rehoboam was living in our day and time no doubt he would be characterized by Hollywood as *one of the Good Ole' Boys* or maybe “*a Rebel without a cause.*”

He would fit in with the rebellious attitudes of the times going against the norms of society.

A. Rehoboam Forsook Wise Counsel. (2 Chronicles 10:1-8)

His father, Solomon, penned these words from the Holy Spirit:
*Proverbs 1:5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning;
and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:*

*Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

1. Rehoboam Was Inconsiderate Of The People He Ruled.
2. Rehoboam Was Inconsiderate Of The Old Men.

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Rehoboam Forsook Wise Counsel...

B. Rehoboam Yielded To Peer Pressure. (10:8-19)

His grandfather, David, penned these words from the H.S.
Psalm 1:1– “Blessed is the man that walketh not...”

His father, Solomon, penned these words from the H.S.

Proverbs 1:10 My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

But Rehoboam yielded to the pressure of his peers and His actions caused the northern 10 tribes to revolt.

C. Rehoboam Took Multiple Wives And Concubines. (11:21, 23)

Deuteronomy 17:17, the law regarding the duty of a king, stated that he was not to multiply wives to himself, *that his heart turn not away*. But just like his father, he ignored this admonition of the LORD!

D. Rehoboam Became Self-Sufficient. (12:1)

*Proverbs 14:16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil:
but the fool rageth, and is confident.*

This caused him to forsake the law of God.

So, God had to humble him. (*Vs 2, 5-7*)

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II. THE CAUSE OF REHOBOAM'S SIN.

A. We Could Say That His Parents Didn't Fully Prepare Him!

1. His Father Had A Sin Problem. (1 Kings 10:26ff)

a. Solomon multiplied horses to himself!

Deuteronomy 17:16 prohibited this.

“But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the Lord hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.”

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- 1) The Lord wanted his people to depend on Him for their protection.
- 2) The Lord did not want the people to return to Egypt.

b. Solomon multiplied silver and gold to himself! Deuteronomy 17:17 prohibited this.

"Neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold"

A covetous' person's mind is not on the Lord. That is why the Bible calls covetousness a form of idolatry

c. Solomon multiplied wives to himself! Deuteronomy 17:17 prohibited this.

"Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away."

d. Solomon did not wholly follow the Lord.

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 specified that he was to have a copy of the law with him and read it every day that he might learn to keep all the words of the law and the statutes, to do them.

- 1) Knew The Lord, But Didn't Follow Him.
- 2) He Built The Temple, But Failed In His Worship
- 3) He Had A Large Income, But Was Spiritually Poor.
- 4) He Built Great Cities, But Failed To Build His Life Or The Life Of His Son.

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- 5) He Lived In Luxury, But Spiritually He Lived In The Slums.
- 6) He Was The Wisest Man That Ever Lived, Yet He Was Foolish With Regard To God.

His Father Had A Sin Problem.

2. His Father Was Out Of God's Will.

- a. God's Promise To Solomon. (I Kings 9:4-9)
- b. Solomon's Failure. (I Kings 11:1-11)
 - 1) Lusted after women.
 - 2) Left God's will.
 - 3) Lost the kingdom.

c. Rehoboam Was Born Outside Of God's Will. (The son of an Ammonite)

d. Rehoboam Probably Had No Respect For His Father. (Shortened his life!)

e. Rehoboam Was Not Totally Without Instruction.

- 1) He had access to all the proverbs.
- 2) He had access to the best education.
- 3) He did not have a godly example.
 - a) His father didn't teach him how to seek God.
 - b) Homes today fail to teach children how to find Christ and worship Him.

3. His Mother Was Probably Lost. (Ammonite)

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His Parents Didn't Fully Prepare Him!

B. His Religious Affiliation Didn't Prepare Him!

He was 41 years old when he began to reign.

1. He Lived In Jerusalem.
 - a. The Capitol Of Religious Centers.
 - b. The Holy City.
 - c. God's City. (12:13)
 - d. Near The Temple.
2. His Father Built The Temple.
3. He Had No Doubt Been Educated.
(12:1) He Forsook The Law Of The Lord.
4. He Transgressed Against The Lord.
5. How Many Today Are Following The Same Path?
 - a. Raised In Sunday School And Church.
 - b. Educated In A Christian School.
 - c. Forsaking The Law Of The Lord.
6. Where Is The Blame?
 - a. To Be Sure It May Not Be All To The Individual!
 - b. Sometimes The Leadership May Be To Blame.
(Pastors, Teachers, others)
 - c. Sometimes The Church May Be To Blame.
For tolerating such things.
 - d. Sometimes The Home May Be To Blame.
Tearing down the principles laid:
 - 1) By Lip.
 - b) By Life.

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e.g. Even the Ethiopian Eunuch had been in the right city for the right purpose, with the right crowd, but left without being saved, until God sent Philip to him.

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His Religious Affiliation Didn't Prepare Him.

C. He Prepared Not Himself. (12:14)

1. He Was The #1 Jew.
2. He Was The Grandson Of King David.
3. He Was The King.
4. He Was 58 years Old And Never Found God.
5. He Strengthened Himself. (12:13)
Self-sufficiency.
 - a. “I don't need God! I am king!”
 - b. People today depend upon self instead of God!
6. He Ignored That Still Small Voice.
7. Every Man Will Give An Account For Himself.
(Romans 14:12)
8. **Despite The Failures Of Other People, God Holds Us Personally Responsible!**

III. HOW DO WE PREPARE OURSELVES?

A. The First Step Is Realizing You Don't Have It All Together!

B. The Next Step Is Surrendering To The Lord's Salvation!

1. Repent.

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2. Believe.

3. Receive.

**B. The Third Step Is Surrender To The Lord's Will!
(Romans 12:1-2)**

1. Be Willing To Do The Lord's Will!

2. Be Willing To Find The Lord's Will!

**C. The Fourth Step Is Service To The Lord As He Reveals His
Will! (2 Timothy 2:20-21)**