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The Bible is so interesting; even the Old Testament. Remember: when reading the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 2 tribes of the **Southern Kingdom**, the House of **Judah**;

not when reading 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings... where we read the historical perspective of the 10 tribes of the **Northern Kingdom**... the House of **Israel**.

The Division of Israel from Judah – the north from the south, Rehoboam follows the Lord,

**1 When Rehoboam arrived in Jerusalem, he mustered Judah and Benjamin – 180,000 able young men -- to go to war against Israel and to regain the kingdom for Rehoboam.**

**2 But this word of the Lord came to Shemaiah the man of God: 3 Say to Rehoboam son of Solomon king of Judah and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, 4 This is what the Lord says: Do not go up to fight against your fellow Israelites. Go home, every one of you, for this is My doing.” So they obeyed the words of the Lord and turned back from marching against Jeroboam.**

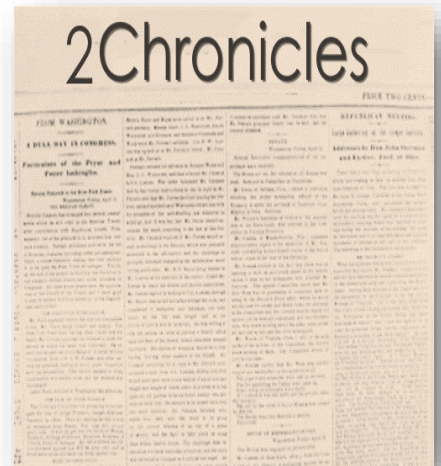
Rehoboam Fortifies Judah,

**5 Rehoboam lived in Jerusalem and built up towns for defense in Judah: 6 Bethlehem, Etam, Tekoa, 7 Beth Zur, Soko, Adullam, 8 Gath, Mareshah, Ziph, 9 Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah, 10 Zorah, Aijalon and Hebron. These were fortified cities in Judah and Benjamin. 11 He strengthened their defenses and put commanders in them, with supplies of food, olive oil and wine. 12 He put shields and spears in all the cities, and made them very strong. So Judah and Benjamin were his.**

**13 The priests and Levites from all their districts throughout Israel sided with him. 14 The Levites even abandoned their pasturelands and property and came to Judah and Jerusalem, because Jeroboam and his sons had rejected them as priests of the Lord 15 when he appointed his own priests for the high places and for the goat and calf idols he had made. 16 Those from every tribe of Israel who set their hearts on seeking the Lord, the God of Israel, followed the Levites to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices to the Lord, the God of their ancestors.**

**17 They strengthened the kingdom of Judah and supported Rehoboam son of Solomon three years, following the ways of David and Solomon during this time.**

Rehoboam's Family,



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<sup>18</sup> Rehoboam married Mahalath, who was the daughter of David's son Jerimoth and of Abihail, the daughter of Jesse's son Eliab. <sup>19</sup> She bore him sons: Jeush, Shemariah and Zaham. <sup>20</sup> Then he married Maakah daughter of Absalom, who bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza and Shelomith. <sup>21</sup> Rehoboam loved Maakah daughter of Absalom more than any of his other wives and concubines. In all, he had 18 wives and 60 concubines, 28 sons and 60 daughters.

<sup>22</sup> Rehoboam appointed Abijah son of Maakah as crown prince among his brothers, in order to make him king. <sup>23</sup> He acted wisely, dispersing some of his sons throughout the districts of Judah and Benjamin, and to all the fortified cities. He gave them abundant provisions and took many wives for them.

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