

THE FIRST BOOK OF KINGS. 14:27.

The Life of Rehoboam. cf. 2 Chr. 12:9,10.

1. HE WAS THE SON OF SOLOMON.

- a. His father was the wisest of men.
- b. Rehoboam was not like his father.
- c. A wise man may have a fool for a son. (21)
- d. His mother-Naamah to Ammonitess. 1 Kings 14:

2. HIS FOOLISHNESS LOST HIM TEN TRIBES.

1 Kings 12:13.

- a. He was 41 at the time he ascended the throne. 2 Ch. 12:13. "Old enough to have known better."
- b. He reigned 17 yrs. 58 at his death.
- c. He answered people roughly. Unwise any time.
- d. He forsook old men's counsel. 1 Kings 12:13
- e. He refused to take advice. 2 Chr. 10:8.
- f. **ILLIUS.** Students do not reject the truths of the past. They build on them. Harvey's discovery of the circulation of the blood.

3. HE LED THE PEOPLE AWAY FROM GOD. 2 Chr. 12:1

- a. He established his kingdom by placing his sons in strategic places. 2 Chr. 11:23.
- b. But "when he was strong".-----
- c. He forsook the law of the Lord.

4. GOD ALLOWED TROUBLE TO COME TO HIM. 2 Chr. 12:2-8.

- a. Ye have forsaken Me...I have left you. vs. 5
- b. Followed by humbling of selves. Then a partial relief by God. 2 Chr. 12:7,8.
- c. "Not destroy." 7,8.
"Some deliverance" 7,8.
"Nevertheless they shall be his servants" 8

THIS IS A SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE, AND IS MARKED IN GOD'S WORD. *Deut 28:47-48*

The liberty we have in the service of Christ is sometimes best understood by the servitude of Satan. 1 Cor. 5:5; 1 Tim. 1:20.

5. THE ORDER OF THE DESPOILING. 2 Chr.12:9.

a. They first took the treasures of the house of the Lord. That is always the first place of despoiling. *cf. Rev 2 Eph 5*

b. The next--the treasures of the king's house.

c. He took all. (Secret sin). *Love, vict, Sams*

SPIRITUAL DECLENSION ALWAYS BEGINS IN THE HEART, AND WORKS OUT IN THE LIFE.

Illus. The breakdown in the Jonathan apple. It begins inside, and has caused untold loss to the fruit farmers.

THE PICTURE OF A DESPOILED CHRISTIAN.

1. THE 300 SHIELDS OF GOLD WERE HIS HERITAGE.

a. 2 Chr.9:16.

a. 300 shekels of gold to a shield.

b. At \$8:75 a shekel, they were worth about \$787500.00. They were a total loss.

c. Cf the heritage of a believer.

2. THE ENEMY CARRIED THEM AWAY.

A defense
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Cf. Samsn grinding in the prison house of the Philistines. "He wist not" the Lord had departed from him. *July 16: 20-21 "Our God"*

Saul asking Samuel to "Honor me now".

1 Sam.15:30.

c. THE BELIEVER'S EXCHANGE. 2 Chr.12:10.

Shields of brass for shields of gold.

SACRIFICE instead of obedience.

working instead of waiting.

Preaching instead of Praying.

Flesh in the place of the Spirit.

I instead of Christ.

Organistaion instead or the Holy Spirit.

Word of Man instead of Word of God.