

A CONTINUED LAMP IN JERUSALEM!
(1 Kings 15:1-7; 2 Chronicles 13)

III. The Context (1 Kings 15:1-7)

4. The nation is divided because of Solomon's drift into _____ & Rehoboam's foolish _____.
5. Because of David's heart towards God, God allowed a _____ or a _____ to remain in His chosen city Jerusalem as a testimony to the _____ of God & his faithful _____ to David that one of his descendants would always reign on the throne there (11:36; 15:1-4)
6. So a new king is on the throne in Jerusalem & his name is _____ & he will reign for 3 years and he will walk in the _____ & _____ of his father Rehoboam!

IV. A Bright Spot ... In Abijah's Reign (2 Chronicles 13)

- What does God think of us at GGBC?
- 8. Before the battle begins, Abijah seeks to challenge Jeroboam & the men of Israel, to _____ them of the _____ they should cling to!
- What did He seek to remind them of?
 - g. He sought to remind them of the _____ Covenant (2 Samuel 7) that stated that David & His sons were to have the dominion as _____ in Israel forever! (13:5)
- How is this covenant described?
- What did this imply?
 - h. He challenged Jeroboam, as a _____ of Solomon, who was he that he should _____ against God's anointed king, when he should have faithfully _____ him? (13:6)
 - i. He stated that worthless rouses had _____ against Rehoboam when he was young & inexperienced, implying they were the _____ for the divided Monarchy (13:7)

j. He challenged their _____ thinking... "... *you think you can fight against the kingdom of the _____, you with your great multitude & your golden calves?"*

k. His final words reminded them that:

- The LORD is _____!
- We have not _____! Implication: _____
- His priests _____ to their _____ & _____ of the things in the temple!
- Do not _____ the LORD God of your fathers, as you will _____!

9. Jeroboam & his men did not _____ to Abijah because they were busy setting a _____ against the army of Judah!

10. Before they knew it, Judah had a battle line in _____ & _____ them... they were caught in a _____ movement that seemed _____!

11. So they _____ to the Lord, while the priest sounded the _____ and the men of Judah gave a _____!

12. Here vs 15 says... "*as the men of Judah shouted, it happened that God _____ Jeroboam and _____ Israel before Abijah and Judah!"*

13. The result: the army of Israel was _____ at that time; and the army of Judah _____, (Why?) because they relied on the _____ of their fathers. (13:18)

14. God not only _____ Israel, but he _____ Jeroboam for his lack of faith and _____ toward Himself.

8. The bottom line about Abijah from God's perspective:

- What can we learn from our study tonight?