

“I Shall Not Be Moved”

Surviving In The Midst Of War

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This time of year is one of tremendous spiritual activity due to the high holy days of the pagan religions. At this time true believers may experience an increased amount of warfare. Knowing how to not just survive but triumph in the midst of war is essential to our walk with the Father.

Who Was Jeroboam?

In 1 Kings 11 we read for the first time of Jeroboam, King Solomon’s servant who was an adversary against the King.

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 11

King Solomon had many adversaries due to his own disobedience (marrying foreign wives and falling into idolatry). Yahweh Himself stirred up adversaries against Solomon in revenge for his disobedience. What is very key in this passage is how the 10 tribes were torn away from King Solomon and given to Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.

The Response of the People

All the people cared about at this point was their burden being lifted. All of Israel went to Shechem to appoint Rehoboam as king. Jeroboam was still in Egypt at this time. Remember Yahweh promised Jeroboam 10 tribes due to King Solomon’s disobedience. Jeroboam and Israel spoke to Rehoboam saying... “Your father made our yoke hard, and now, lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke which he put on us then we serve you.”

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 12

The People Divided

The children of Israel who dwelt in Judah were reigned over by King Rehoboam. When King Rehoboam sent Adoram (a slave master) all of Israel stoned him to death. This caused King Rehoboam to leave and take refuge in Jerusalem.

When all of Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned from Egypt they set him up to reign over **all of Israel**. (This fulfilled the prophecy which was given in 1 Kings 11.) The only tribe left in the house of

David was Judah (today Judah is those who are naturally Jewish). Now Rehoboam ruled over Judah and Benjamin and Jeroboam reigned over Israel (the remaining 10 tribes).

The Sins Of Jeroboam

Jeroboam built Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim and lived there. He also built Peniel. Jeroboam foolishly believed that he would lose the reign that Yahweh had given him. He felt that if he allowed them to go up to Jerusalem for worship (as the Scripture commands) **that he would lose control**. He thought the people would kill him and that the reign would return to Rehoboam.

Jeroboam had lost his focus. He began to think of his reign as his own empire which he had to protect. He was merely a steward over what Yahweh had given him. Many pastors and leaders fall into this same trap. The way Jeroboam protected himself is by leading the people into idolatry. He made two golden calves and announced... “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. See, your mighty ones O Israel which brought you up from the land of Egypt!”

- * He made the house of high places. (High places are where idols were worshiped)
- * He made priests from all sorts of people (not of the tribe of Levi as Yahweh commanded).
- * He set up a counterfeit worship system which included its own feast days.

Jeroboam performed a festival on the 15th day of the 8th month **like the festival that was in Judah**. We read in Leviticus 23:33-44 that on the 15th day of the 7th month we are to keep the Feast of Tabernacles (which should be kept in Jerusalem). Jeroboam counterfeited this feast with his own and told the people that they did not have to go up to Jerusalem at all.

Today we see the same sin in action as many church leaders in the past have adopted pagan celebrations as their feast days. Many pagan celebrations fall on or around Yahweh appointed feasts and festivals. As a result the House of David (Judah & Benjamin) remained true to Torah (for a little while) and the 10 tribes fell into apostasy (turning away from Torah) complete with **their own** man appointed holy days.

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 13

The Battle Cry / The Voice Of Triumph

The battle cry is similar to the shofar in the spiritual effect that it holds. We know that the Feast of Trumpets is the season when Yahshua will return again. Therefore when satan hears the trumpet he is astounded and confused and greatly overcome with fear because he knows his time is coming to an end. The battle cry holds the same effect over him.

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 12:13-16 & 2 Chronicles 13

What To Do In The Midst of War

Judah ended up being surrounded in battle. There was no where they could turn to get out of the situation they were in. They could have given up (no one would have blamed them). However, their faith in Yahweh prevailed.

* They cried out to Yahweh and the priests sounded the trumpets. And the men of Judah gave a shout. When they did this Yahweh slaughtered their enemies. 500,000 soldiers died.

They WORSHIPED in the midst of war. When their back was against the wall - they worshiped.

Why This Worked For Them

Remember, they were fighting against their brothers. This was a civil war Jew against Jew. Why did the house of David win and not Israel? We find the answer in 2 Chron. 13:10-12.

“ But as for us, Yahweh is our Elohim and we have not forsaken Him, and priests are serving Yahweh, the sons of Aaron and the Levites in the works, and are burning to Yahweh every morning and every evening burnt offerings and sweet incense and the showbread (challah) is on the clean table, and the lampstand of gold with its lamps to burn every evening for we are guarding the Charge of Yahweh our Elohim but you have forsaken Him.

And see with us as Head is Elohim Himself and His priests with sounding trumpets to sound the alarm against you. O children of Israel do not fight against Yahweh Elohim of your fathers, for you are not going to prosper!”

Remember, Israel (the 10 tribes) had built 2 golden calves, appointed anyone as priest, and worshiped under man appointed feasts and festivals.

The House of David won the war because they kept the commandments and were free from idolatry. They were pure without compromise. Purity without compromise is a powerful weapon. When used against the enemy will free you from *any battle* even when you are surrounded.