

Abijah Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Abijah was a great grandson of David so there was a great heritage, but the culture had become idolatrous. Was Abijah a courageous follower of the LORD?

Is it surprising that he knew the Law and advised Jeroboam to follow it but did not himself?

Do you know anyone who is like that?

Are we susceptible to that sort of attitude and behavior ourselves? Why?

After a supernatural victory over Jeroboam, might Abijah have thought that intervention by the LORD endorsed his behavior?

Was the example of his father's short-lived service to the LORD likely influential in his life?

The idolatrous religions of the people that Israel displaced in Canaan with their ritual prostitution seemed to have a powerful grip on the people. Why does sexual perversion have such a powerful grip on people?

How does a culture affect people's behavior?

What does it take to change an entire society?

Solomon's and Abijah's wives turned them from the LORD. Is it the women's fault?

Why did kings often marry daughters of foreign kings?

If believing kings had been living according to the Law of the LORD, how would they have changed their selection of wives?

Is it surprising that Abijah's son, Asa, turned the country back to the LORD?

Is rebellion against parents sometimes a good thing?

