

SHORT & SWEET — LET'S TALK WEAPONS

2 Chronicles 13:1-5, 8-18

1 In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, Abijah became king over Judah.

2 He reigned three years in Jerusalem...And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3 Abijah set the battle in order with an army of valiant warriors, four hundred thousand choice men. Jeroboam also drew up in battle formation against him with eight hundred thousand choice men, mighty men of valor.

4 Then Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the mountains of Ephraim, and said, "Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel:

5 Do you not know that the LORD, the God of Israel, gave the kingship over Israel to David forever, to him and his descendants, by a covenant of salt?

8 And now you think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD, which is in the hand of the sons of David; and you are a great multitude, and with you are the gold calves which Jeroboam made for you as gods.

9 Have you not driven out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made priests of your own, like the peoples of other lands do, so that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams may become a priest of what are not gods?

10 But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the priests who minister to the LORD are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites attend to their duties.

11 And they burn to the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense; they also set the showbread in order on the pure gold table, and the lampstand of gold with its lamps to burn every evening; for we keep the command of the LORD our God, but you have forsaken Him.

12 Now look, God Himself is with us as our head, and **His priests with sounding trumpets to sound the alarm against you.** O children of Israel, do not fight against the LORD God of your fathers, for you cannot succeed!"

13 But Jeroboam caused an ambush to go around behind them; so they were in front of Judah, and the ambush was behind them.

14 And when Judah looked around, to their surprise the battle line was at both front and rear; and they cried out to the LORD, and **the priests sounded the trumpets.**

15 Then the men of Judah gave a shout; and as the men of Judah shouted, it happened that God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

16 And the children of Israel fled before Judah, and **God delivered them into their hand.**

17 Then Abijah and his people struck them with a great slaughter; so five hundred thousand choice men of Israel fell slain.

18 Thus the children of Israel were subdued at that time; and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied on the LORD God of their fathers.

Numbers 10:1-2, 8-9

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 Make two silver trumpets for yourself; you shall make them of hammered work; you shall use them for calling the congregation and for directing the movement of the camps.

8 The sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and these shall be to you as an ordinance forever throughout your generations.

9 When you go to war in your land against the enemy who attacks you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, and you will be remembered before the LORD your God, and you will be saved from your enemies.