

# GUARDING BRONZE SHIELDS



**I KINGS 14:22-31**

**I. God had made a promise to bless the godly descendants of David (I Kings 2:4).**



- **What would have happened if David's descendants had chosen to follow God?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- **What happens to us when we decide to follow God?**



**II. Solomon had been so blessed that he made 500 gold shields (I Kings 10:16-17).**

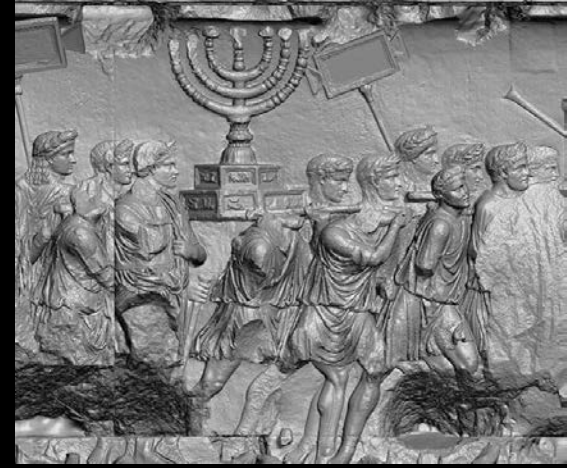
- Who has 500 shields made of \$40 million worth of gold?**
- What are you doing with the blessings God has given you?**

# III. Rehoboam had chosen to live an ungodly life (I Kings 14:22-24).



- What kind of idolatry are you practicing? (Colossians 3:5)
- What happens to the plans God has for you when you choose to sin?

# IV. His ungodly choices and actions cost him dearly (I Kings 14:25-26).



- What happens to a people or a nation that chooses to sin? (Proverbs 14:34)
- What is the greatest need of this nation? (John 17:9)
- What can we do to help the situation?

V. So Rehoboam pretended to have wealth when he didn't (**I Kings 14:27-28**).



- What is wrong with pretending to be someone you aren't? (**Proverbs 13:7**)
- What fake blessings are we making the effort of guarding?
- What are the valuable things that we should be guarding instead?



# **Call to Action: To honor and protect priceless, eternal treasures.**



- How well are our lives fulfilling God's purpose?
- What blessings of God do we display?
- What can we do to keep from suppressing the truth?
- What 'bronze shields' have you displayed?
- What will help you to stop pretending to be what you are not?
- What priceless treasures will you truly honor?

**-How can we help?**