

In Kings he is represented simply as an evil king and that's practically all that's said about him. But in Chronicles we have a story of a great battle between him and Jereboam, in which the northern kingdom seemed ~~to~~ on the point of winning and Abijam called on the Lord to give them deliverance and called to Jereboam to recognize the fact that God had promised the house of David a continuing rule even though it was only over the one tribe rather than the whole tribes, and that there was a remarkable victory in the battle, this is given in Chronicles, not in Kings. It is interesting then to note that the general impression of the character of the man you get is different in Kings and Chronicles, because in Chronicles he seems to be upholding the relation of the kingdom to its God in this battle with Jereboam, while in Kings he simply is described as a ~~g~~ bad king who carried on the ways~~o~~ of his father. At first sight, it ~~w~~ seems to be a contradiction but anyone who knows much about historical details I think would easily see that there's not much necessarily in contradiction here. It would be a very interesting thing that the king, in this particular case, when his ~~program~~^{throne} was at stake, would declare himself as the representative of David and try to call upon all of the history of the background of the religion to his support, and to call on the people to rally round it, it might be an insincere attempt to utilize it, it might be a sincere turning in the case of a great fight, but evidently it did not continue ~~an~~ all. ~~≠~~

~~I heard a man~~ I heard a man telling recently of talking with a sailor who had been on a liferaft for 20 days, and his describing how so many of the men on the liferaft were calling on the Lord and saying how they would give up all the wickedness and evil of their lives, but ~~finally~~^{finding} these same men afterward, with no change whatever in their character, and attitude. It is true that many a man has a complete change of life in the face of a crisis, but it is also true that many a person makes promises