

REBELLION / 2 Samuel 15–18

The Bible records many rebellions. Many were against God's chosen leaders and were doomed for failure. Others were begun by wicked men against other wicked men. While these were sometimes successful, the rebel's life usually came to a violent end. Still other rebellions were made by good people against the wicked or unjust actions of others. This kind of rebellion sometimes freed the common people from oppression and gave them the freedom to turn back to God.

Who	Whom they rebelled against?	What happened?	Reference
Adam and Eve	God	Expelled from Eden	Genesis 3
Israelites	God, Moses	Forced to wander in wilderness for 40 years	Numbers 14
Korah	Moses	Swallowed by the earth	Numbers 16
Israelites	God	God took away his special promise of protection	Judges 2
Absalom (David's son)	David	Killed in battle	2 Samuel 15–18
Sheba	David	Killed in battle	2 Samuel 20
Adonijah (David's son)	David, Solomon	Killed for treason	1 Kings 1–2
Joab	David, Solomon	Supported Adonijah's kingship without seeking God's choice. Killed for treason	1 Kings 1–2
Ten tribes of Israel	Rehoboam	The kingdom was divided. The 10 tribes forgot about God, sinned, and were eventually taken into captivity.	1 Kings 12:16-20
Baasha, king of Israel	Nadab, king of Israel	Overthrew the throne and became king. God destroyed his descendants	1 Kings 15:27–16:7
Zimri, king of Israel	Elah, king of Israel	Overthrew the throne, but killed himself when his rule was not accepted	1 Kings 16:9-16
Jehu, king of Israel	Joram, king of Israel; Ahaziah, king of Judah	Killed both kings. Later turned from God and his dynasty was wiped out	2 Kings 9–10
Joash, king of Judah Jehoiada, a priest	Athaliah, queen of Judah	Athaliah, a wicked queen, was overthrown. This was a "good" rebellion.	2 Kings 11
Shallum, king of Israel	Zechariah, king of Israel	Overthrew the throne, but then was assassinated	2 Kings 15:8-15
Menahem, king of Israel	Shallum, king of Israel	Overthrew the throne, but then Israel was invaded by Assyrian army	2 Kings 15:16-22
Hoshea, king of Israel	Assyria	The city of Samaria was destroyed, the nation of Israel taken into captivity	2 Kings 17
Zedekiah, king of Judah	Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon	The city of Jerusalem was destroyed, the nation of Judah taken into captivity	2 Kings 24–25