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1 Kings 15:1-24, 2Chronicles 13-16

1 Kings 15:1-24 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah. **2** Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. **3** And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father. **4** Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem: **5** Because David did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any *thing* that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. **6** And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life. **7** Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam. **8** And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. **9** And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah. **10** And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. **11** And Asa did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, as *did* David his father. **12** And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. **13** And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from *being* queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt *it* by the brook Kidron. **14** But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days. **15** And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels. **16** And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. **17** And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. **18** Then Asa took all the silver and the gold *that were* left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, **19** *There is* a league between me and thee, *and* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. **20** So Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelbethmaachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali. **21** And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *thereof,* that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah. **22** Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none *was* exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah. **23** The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. **24** And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

2 Chronicles 13:1-22 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah. **2** He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. **3** And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, *even* four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also

set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, *being* mighty men of valour. **4** And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which *is* in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel; **5** Ought ye not to know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, *even* to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? **6** Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord. **7** And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them. **8** And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye *be* a great multitude, and *there are* with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods. **9** Have ye not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of *other* lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, *the same* may be a priest of *them that are* no gods. **10** But as for us, the LORD *is* our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, *are* the sons of Aaron, and the Levites *wait* upon *their* business: **11** And they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the shewbread also *set they in order* upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him. **12** And, behold, God himself *is* with us for *our* captain, and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper. **13** But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment *was* behind them. **14** And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle *was* before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. **15** Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote 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** And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men. **18** Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers. **19** And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephrain with the towns thereof. **20** Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD struck him, and he died. **21** But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen daughters. **22** And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, *are* written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

2 Chronicles 14:1-15 So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years. **2** And Asa did *that which was* good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God: **3** For he took away the altars of the strange *gods,* and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves: **4** And commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. **5** Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him. **6** And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest. **7** Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about *them* walls, and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before us; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought *him,* and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered. **8** And Asa had an army *of men* that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these *were* mighty men of valour. **9** And there came out against

them Zerah the Ethiopian with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareshah. **10** Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. **11** And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, *it is* nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou *art* our God; let not man prevail against thee. **12** So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. **13** And Asa and the people that *were* with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil. **14** And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them. **15** They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 15:1-19 And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded: **2** And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD *is* with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. **3** Now for a long season Israel *hath been* without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. **4** But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. **5** And in those times *there was* no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations *were* upon all the inhabitants of the countries. **6** And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity. **7** Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded. **8** And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that *was* before the porch of the LORD. **9** And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God *was* with him. **10** So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. **11** And they offered unto the LORD the same time, of the spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. **12** And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; **13** That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. **14** And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. **15** And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about. **16** And also *concerning* Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from *being* queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped *it,* and burnt *it* at the brook Kidron. **17** But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days. **18** And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. **19** And there was no *more* war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

2 Chronicles 16:1-14 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. **2** Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of

the king's house, and sent to Benhadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, **3** *There is* a league between me and thee, as *there was* between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. **4** And Benhadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the store cities of Naphtali. **5** And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *it,* that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease. **6** Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah. **7** And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. **8** Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand. **9** For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars. **10** Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for *he was* in a rage with him because of this *thing.* And Asa oppressed *some* of the people the same time. **11** And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. **12** And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease *was* exceeding *great:* yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians. **13** And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. **14** And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds *of spices* prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.