

June 10 cont'd:

1 Kings 12:1-20 ||

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Egypt), 3

that

they sent _____ and called him. Then Jeroboam and the whole assembly of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, 4

“Your father made our yoke heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father, and his heavy yoke **that** he put on us, and we will serve you.” 5

So he said to them,

“Depart for three days, then come back to me.”

And the people departed. 6 Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived, and he said, “How do you advise *me* to answer these people?” 7

And they spoke to him, saying,

“If you will be a servant to these people today, and serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.”

[Hereafter, “JudahYear” means the start of the separate kingdom of Judah, in 3029 AB (975 BC).]

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Jeroboam Challenges Rehoboam

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So he said to them,

“Come back to me after three days.”

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“How do you advise *me* to answer these people?” 7

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“If you are kind to these people ____, and please them, and speak good words to them, __ they will be your servants forever.”

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8 But he rejected the advice **that** the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. 9

And he said to them,

“What advice do you give? How should we answer this people who have spoken to me, saying,

‘Lighten the yoke

that your father put on us?’” 10

Then the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying,

“Thus you should speak to this people who have spoken to you, saying,

‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make *it* lighter on us’ — thus you shall say to them:

‘My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father’s waist! 11 And now, whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!’” 12

So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had directed, saying,

“Come back to me the third day.” 13

Then the king answered the people roughly, and _____ rejected the advice **that** the elders had given him; 14 and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying,

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16 ¶ Now when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying:

“What share have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Now, see to your own house, O David!”

So ___ Israel departed to their tents.

17 But Rehoboam reigned over the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of **Judah**. 18

Then King Rehoboam sent **Adoram** [“my lord is exalted”], who was in charge of **the revenue**; but all ___ Israel stoned him with stones, and he died. Therefore, King Rehoboam mounted his chariot in haste to flee to **Jerusalem**. 19 So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

Jeroboam Made King of Israel

20 Now it came to pass when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had come back, they sent for him and called him to the congregation, and **made him king over all Israel**. There was none who followed the house of David, but the tribe of **Judah** only.

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15 So the king did not listen to the people; for the turn of events was from **God**, that **the LORD** might fulfill **His word that He** ___ had spoken by **the hand of** Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. [Not recorded in 1 or 2 Chronicles.]

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“What share have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. **Every man** to your tents, O Israel! Now see to your own house, O David!”

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[← from here on, 1 and 2 Kings focus more on the kings of Israel, where 2 Chronicles focuses more on the kings of Judah.]

1 Kings 12:21-24 ||

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21 **And** when Rehoboam came to **Jerusalem**, he assembled **all** the house of **Judah** with the tribe of **Benjamin**, one hundred and eighty thousand [180,000] chosen men who were warriors, to fight against **the house of Israel**, that he might restore the kingdom to Rehoboam **the son of Solomon**. 22 But the word of **God** came to Shemaiah [“YHWH heard”] **the man of God**, saying, 23

“Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of **Judah**, ___ to all **the house of Judah and Benjamin**, and to the rest of the people, saying,

24 ‘Thus says **the LORD**:

“You shall not go up nor fight against your brethren **the children of Israel**. Let every man return to his house, for this thing is from Me.””

Therefore they obeyed the word of **the LORD**, and turned back,

according to the word of **the LORD**.

2 Chronicles 11:1-4

Rehoboam Considers War On Israel

11:1 ¶ Now when Rehoboam came to **Jerusalem**, he assembled **from** the house of **Judah** and **Benjamin** one hundred and eighty thousand [180,000] chosen men who were warriors, to fight against Israel, that he might restore the kingdom to Rehoboam.

2 But the word of **the LORD** came to Shemaiah [“YHWH heard”] **the man of God**, saying, 3

“Speak to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of **Judah**, and to all **Israel in** ___ **Judah and Benjamin**, saying,

4 ‘Thus says **the LORD**:

“You shall not go up or fight against your brethren! Let every man return to his house, for this thing is from Me.””

Therefore they obeyed the words of **the LORD**, and turned back from attacking Jeroboam.

2 Chronicles 11:5-12

5 So Rehoboam dwelt in **Jerusalem**, and built cities for defense in **Judah**. 6 And he built **Bethlehem** [“house of bread (food)”], **Etam** [“lair of wild beasts”], **Tekoa** [“a stockade”], 7 **Beth Zur** [“house of the rock”], **Sochoh** [“bushy”], **Adullam** [“justice of the people”], 8 **Gath** [“winepress”], **Mareshah** [“crest of a hill”], **Ziph** [“battlement”], 9 **Adoraim** [“double glory”], **Lachish** [“invincible”], **Azekah** [“dug over”], 10

[Zorah](#) [“hornet”], [Aijalon](#) [“field of deer”], and [Hebron](#) [“association”], which are in [Judah](#) and [Benjamin](#), fortified cities. 11 And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of food, oil, and wine. 12 Also in every city he put shields and spears, and made them very strong, having [Judah](#) and [Benjamin](#) on his side.

1 Kings 12:25-33

Jeroboam Makes Two Idols

25 ¶ Then Jeroboam built [Shechem](#) [“back” or “shoulder”] in the mountains of [Ephraim](#), and dwelt there. Also he went out from there and built [Penuel](#) [“facing God”]. 26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, “Now the kingdom may return to the house of David: 27 If these people go up to offer sacrifices in [the house of the LORD](#) at [Jerusalem](#), then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of [Judah](#), and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of [Judah](#).” 28 Therefore the king asked advice, [made two calves of gold](#), and said to the people, “It is too much for you to go up to [Jerusalem](#). Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!” [Cf. [Ex 32:4](#), [February 11](#)] 29 And he set up [one in Bethel](#), and the [other he put in Dan](#). 30 Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as [Dan](#). 31 He made shrines on the high places, and made priests from every class of people, who were not of the sons of

Levi. 32 Jeroboam ordained a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month [EveryYear/08/15], like the feast that was in [Judah](#), and offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did at [Bethel](#), sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And at [Bethel](#) he installed the priests of the high places **that** he had made. 33 So he made offerings on the altar **that** he had made at [Bethel](#) on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month **that** he had devised in his own heart. And he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and offered sacrifices on the altar and burned incense.

2 Chronicles 11:13-17

Levites Move from Israel to Judah

13 ¶ And from all their territories the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel took their stand with him [Rehoboam]. 14 For the Levites left their common-lands and their possessions and came to [Judah](#) and [Jerusalem](#), for Jeroboam and his sons had rejected them from serving as priests to [the LORD](#). 15 Then he appointed for himself priests for the high places, for [the demons](#), and [the calf idols that he had made](#). 16 And after *the Levites left*, those from all the tribes of Israel, such as set their heart to seek [the LORD God of Israel](#), came to [Jerusalem](#) to sacrifice to [the LORD God of their fathers](#). 17 So they strengthened the kingdom of [Judah](#), and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong for [three \[3\] years](#), because they walked in the way of David and Solomon for [three \[3\] years](#).

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1 Kings 13

God Speaks against Jeroboam's Altar

13:1 ¶ And behold, [a man of God](#) went from [Judah](#) to [Bethel](#) by [the word of the LORD](#), and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. 2 Then he cried out against the altar by [the word of the LORD](#), and said, “O altar, altar! Thus says [the LORD](#): ‘Behold, a child, [Josiah by name](#), shall be born to the house of David; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men’s bones shall be burned on you.’” 3 [Fulfilled: [2Ki 22:1](#), [2Ch 34:5](#)] And he gave a sign the same day, saying, “This is the sign **that** [the LORD](#) has spoken: ‘Surely the altar shall split apart, and the ashes on it shall be poured out.’” 4 So it came to pass when King Jeroboam heard the saying of [the man of God](#), who cried out against the altar in [Bethel](#), that he stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, “Arrest him!” Then his hand, which he stretched out toward him, withered, so that he could not pull it back to himself. 5 The altar also was split apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign **that** [the man of God](#) had given by [the word of the LORD](#). 6 Then the king answered and said to [the man of God](#), “Please entreat the favor of [the LORD your God](#), and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me.”

So [the man of God](#) entreated [the LORD](#), and the king’s hand was restored to him, and became as before. 7 Then the king said to [the man of God](#), “Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.” 8 But [the man of God](#) said to the king, “If you were to give me half your house, I would not go in with you; nor would I eat bread nor drink water in this place. 9 For so it was commanded me by [the word of the LORD](#), saying, ‘You shall not eat bread, nor drink water, nor return by the same way you came.’” 10 So he went another way and did not return by the way he came to [Bethel](#).

The Man of God Errs

11 ¶ Now an old prophet dwelt in [Bethel](#), and his sons came and told him all the works that [the man of God](#) had done that day in [Bethel](#); they also told their father the words **that** he had spoken to the king. 12 And their father said to them, “Which way did he go?” For his sons had seen which way [the man of God](#) went who came from [Judah](#). 13 Then he said to his sons, “Saddle the donkey for me.” So they saddled the donkey for him; and he rode on it, 14 and went after [the man of God](#), and found him sitting under an oak. Then he said to him, “Are you [the man of God](#) who came from [Judah](#)?” And he said, “I am.” 15 Then he said to him, “Come home with me and eat bread.” 16

And he said,
“I cannot return with you nor go in with you; neither can I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place. 17 For I have been told by **the word of the LORD**, ‘You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came.’” 18

He said to him,
“I too *am* a prophet as you *are*, and an angel spoke to me by **the word of the LORD**, saying,
‘Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.’”

(He was lying to him.) 19

So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water. 20 Now it happened, as they sat at the table, that **the word of the LORD** came to the prophet who had brought him back; 21 and he cried out to **the man of God** who came from **Judah**, saying,
“Thus says **the LORD**:
‘Because you have disobeyed **the word of the LORD**, and have not kept the commandment that **the LORD your God** commanded you, 22 but you came back, ate bread, and drank water in the place of which **the LORD** said to you,

“Eat no bread and drink no water”,
your corpse shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.’”

23 ¶ So it was, after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, the prophet whom he had brought back. 24 When he was gone, a lion met him on the road and killed him. And his corpse was thrown on the road, and **the donkey stood by it**. The lion also stood by the corpse.

25 And there, men passed by and saw the corpse thrown on the road, and the lion standing by the corpse. Then they went and told *it* in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 Now when the prophet who had brought him back from the way heard *it*, he said,

“It is **the man of God** who was disobedient to **the word of the LORD**. Therefore **the LORD** has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to **the word of the LORD that He spoke to him.**” 27

And he spoke to his sons, saying,
“Saddle the donkey for me.”

So they saddled *it*. 28 Then he went and found his corpse thrown on the road, and the donkey and the lion standing by the corpse. **The lion had not eaten the corpse nor torn the donkey.** 29 And the prophet took up the corpse of **the man of God**, laid it on the donkey, and brought it back. So the old prophet came to the city to mourn, and to bury him. 30 Then he laid the corpse in his own tomb; and they mourned over him, *saying*,

“Alas, my brother!” 31
So it was, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying,
“When I am dead, then bury me in the tomb where **the man of God** is buried; lay my bones beside his bones. 32 For the saying **that he cried out by the word of the LORD** against the altar in **Bethel**, and against all the shrines on the high places **that are** in the cities of Samaria, will surely come to pass.”

Jeroboam Does Not Change

33 After this event Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but **again** he made priests from every class of people for the high places; whoever wished, he consecrated him, and he became *one* of the priests of the high places. 34 And **this thing was the sin of the house of Jeroboam**, [that lead to...] so as to exterminate and destroy *it* from the face of the land [earth].

1 Kings 14:1-18

Jeroboam’s Son Gets Sick, Dies

14:1 ¶ At that time Abijah [“*YHWH is my father*”] the son of Jeroboam became sick. 2 And Jeroboam said to his wife,
“Please arise, and disguise yourself, that they may not recognize you as the wife of Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh [“*place of rest*”]. Indeed, Ahijah [“*YHWH is my brother*”] the prophet is there, who told me that *I would be king over this people [1Ki 11:31]*. 3 Also take with you ten [10] loaves, some cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him; he will tell you what will become of the child.” 4

And Jeroboam’s wife did so; she arose and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see, for **his eyes were glazed by reason of his age**. 5 Now **the LORD** had said to Ahijah,

“Here is the wife of Jeroboam, coming to ask you something about her son, for he *is* sick. {Thus and thus} you shall say to her; for it will be, when she comes in, that she will pretend *to be another woman*.” 6

And so it was, when Ahijah heard the sound of her footsteps as she came through the door, he said,
“Come in, wife of Jeroboam. Why do you pretend *to be another person*? For *I have been sent to you with bad news*.”

7 ¶ Go, tell Jeroboam,
“Thus says **the LORD** God of Israel:
“Because I exalted you from among the people, and made you ruler over **My people Israel**, 8 and tore the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it to you; and *yet* you have not been as **My servant David**, who kept **My commandments** and who followed Me with **all his heart**, to do only *what was right in My eyes*; 9 but you have done more evil than all who were before you, for you have gone and made for yourself other gods and molded images to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back — 10 therefore behold! I will bring disaster on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male in Israel, bond and free; I will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as one takes away refuse until it is all gone. 11 The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Jeroboam and dies in the city [example: **Jezebel: 2Ki 9:35**], and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field; for **the LORD** has spoken!” 12

Arise therefore, go to your own house. When your feet enter the city, the child shall die [fulfilled: *v17*]. 13 And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he is the only one of Jeroboam who shall come to the grave, because in him there is found something

good toward **the LORD God of Israel** in the house of Jeroboam. ¹⁴ Moreover **the LORD** will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam; this is the day. What? Even now! ¹⁵ For **the LORD** will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water. He will uproot Israel from this good land **that** He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the [Euphrates] River [fulfilled: [2Ki 17:5](#) || [2Ki 18:9](#)], because they have made their wooden images, provoking **the LORD** to anger. ¹⁶ And He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and who made Israel sin.” ¹⁷

Then Jeroboam’s wife arose and departed, and came to Tirzah. When she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. ¹⁸ And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to **the word of the LORD** **that** He spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet. [[14:19-20 precede 15:25 below](#)] [[14:21 follows 14:28](#)]

2 Chronicles 11:18-23

Reoboam’s Wives, Sons, Daughters

¹⁸ Then Rehoboam took for himself as wife Mahalath [“stringed instrument”] the daughter of Jerimoth [“He is Most High”] the son of David (and of Abihail [“might is my father”] the daughter of Eliah [“(my) God is father”] the son of Jesse [“I possess”]). ¹⁹

And she bore him children:

Jeush [“He hurries to aid”],
Shamariah [“YHWH keeps”], and
Zaham [“loathing”]. ²⁰

After her he took Maacah [“oppression”] the granddaughter of Absalom [“my father is peace”]; and she bore him

Abijah [“YHWH is (my) father”],
Attai [“opportune”],
Ziza [“shining”], and
Shelomith [“peaceful”]. ²¹

Now Rehoboam loved Maachah the granddaughter of Absalom more than all his wives and his concubines; for he took

eighteen [18] wives and
sixty [60] concubines,
and begot

twenty-eight [28] sons and
sixty [60] daughters. ²²

And Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maachah as chief, to be leader among his brothers; for he intended to make him king. ²³ He dealt wisely, and dispersed some of his sons throughout all the territories of **Judah** and **Benjamin**, to every fortified city; and he gave them provisions in abundance. He also sought many wives for them.

2 Chronicles 12:1

Reoboam Forsakes The LORD’s Law

^{12:1} ¶ Now it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom and had strengthened himself, that he forsook **the law of the LORD**, and all Israel [not just Judah!] along with him.

1 Kings 14:22-24

²² Now **Judah** did evil in the sight of **the LORD**, and they provoked Him to jealousy with their sins **that** they committed, more than all that their fathers had done. ²³ For they also built for themselves high places, sacred pillars, and wooden images on every high hill and under every green tree. ²⁴ And **there were also perverted persons in the land**. They did according to all the abominations of the nations **that the LORD** had cast out before the children of Israel.

1 Kings 14:25 ||

It happened in the fifth [5th] year of King Rehoboam [[JudahYear:5, so 3034AB: 1Ki 11:42, June 10](#)] that Shishak [“greedy of fine linen”] king of Egypt came up against **Jerusalem**.

2 Chronicles 12:2a

And it happened in the fifth [5th] year of King Rehoboam [[JudahYear:5, so 3034 AB: 1Ch 29:30, June 10](#)], that Shishak [“greedy of fine linen”] king of Egypt came up against **Jerusalem**,

2 Chronicles 12:2b-8

because they had transgressed against **the LORD**, ³ with

twelve hundred [1200] chariots, sixty thousand [60,000] horsemen, and people without number who came with him out of Egypt: the Lubim [“empty-hearted”] ([Da 11:43](#)) or “afflicted” ([Jer 46:9](#)) and the Sukkiim [“booth dwellers”] and the **Ethiopians**. ⁴

And he took the fortified cities of **Judah** and came to **Jerusalem**. ⁵ Then Shemaiah [“heard by YHWH”] the prophet came to Rehoboam and the leaders of **Judah**, who were gathered together in **Jerusalem** because of Shishak, and said to them, “Thus says **the LORD**: ‘You have forsaken Me, and therefore I also have left you in the hand of Shishak.’” ⁶

So the leaders of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, “**The LORD** is righteous.” ⁷ Now when **the LORD** saw that they humbled themselves, **the word of the LORD** came to Shemaiah, saying, “They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance. **My wrath** shall not be poured out on **Jerusalem** by the hand of Shishak. ⁸ Nevertheless they will be his servants, that they may distinguish **My service** from the service of the kingdoms of the nations.”

1 Kings 14:26-28 ||

2 Chronicles 12:9-12 →

26 And he took away the treasures of **the house of the LORD** and the treasures of the king's house; he took away everything. He also took away all the gold shields that Solomon had made. 27 Then King Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who guarded the doorway of the king's house. 28 And whenever the king entered **the house of the LORD**, the guards carried them, then brought them back into the guardroom.

1 Kings 14:21 ||

21 ¶ And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one [41] years old when he became king. He reigned seventeen [17] years in Jerusalem, [JudahYear:1-17, so 3029-3045 AB: 1Ki 11:42 || 1Ch 29:30, Jun 10] the city that the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there. His mother's name was Naamah ["loveliness"], an Ammonitess.

9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of **the house of the LORD** and the treasures of the king's house; he took everything. He also carried away the gold shields that Solomon had made. 10 Then King Rehoboam made bronze shields in their place, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who guarded the doorway of the king's house. 11 And whenever the king entered **the house of the LORD**, the guard would go and bring them out; then they would take them back into the guardroom. 12 When he humbled himself, **the wrath of the LORD** turned from him, so as not to destroy him completely; and things also went well in Judah.

2 Chronicles 12:13-14

Summary: Rehoboam's Reign in Judah

13 ¶ Thus Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem and reigned. Now Rehoboam was forty-one [41] years old when he became king; and he reigned seventeen [17] years in Jerusalem, [JudahYear:1-17, so 3029-3045 AB: 1Ki 11:42 || 1Ch 29:30, Jun 10] the city that the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name there. His mother's name was Naamah ["loveliness"], an Ammonitess.

14 And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek **the LORD**.

1 Kings 14:29-31 ||

2 Chronicles 12:15-16 →

29 Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in **the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah**? 30

And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their days. 31 So Rehoboam rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. His mother's name was Naamah, an Ammonitess. Then Abijah ["the sea is my father" or "YHWH is (my) father"] his son reigned in his place.

1 Kings 15:1-2 ||

15:1 ¶ In the eighteenth [18th] year of King Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijah became king over Judah. 2 He reigned three [3] years in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear:18-20, so 3046-3048 AB: 1Ki 14:21 || 2Ch 12:13]

His mother's name was Maachah ["oppression"]

the granddaughter of Abishalom ["peace is my father"].

15 The acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the Book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer [cf. 2Ch 13:22] concerning genealogies?

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Then Abijah ["YHWH is (my) father"] his son reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 13:1-2a

Abijah Succeeds Reoboam

13:1 ¶ In the eighteenth [18th] year of King Jeroboam, Abijah became king over Judah. 2 He reigned three [3] years in Jerusalem.

[JudahYear:18-20, so 3046-3048 AB: 1Ki 14:21 || 2Ch 12:13]

His mother's name was Michaiiah ["who is like God"] the daughter of Uriel ["God is my light"] of Gibeah.

1 Kings 15:3-5

3 And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; his heart was not loyal to **the LORD his God**, as was the heart of his father David. 4 Nevertheless for David's sake **the LORD his God** gave him a lamp in **Jerusalem**, by setting up his son after him and by establishing **Jerusalem**; 5 because David did *what was* right in the eyes of **the LORD**, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

2 Chronicles 13:2b-22

War between Abijah and Jeroboam

And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. 3 Abijah set the battle in order with an army of valiant warriors, four hundred thousand [400,000] choice men. Jeroboam also drew up in battle formation against him with eight hundred thousand [800,000] choice men, mighty men of valor. 4 Then Abijah stood on **Mount Zemaraim** [*"double fleece of wool"*], which is in the mountains of **Ephraim**, and said,

"Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel: 5 Should you not know that **the LORD God of Israel** gave the dominion over Israel to David forever, to him and his sons, by a covenant of salt? 6 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up and rebelled against his lord. 7 Then worthless rogues gathered to him, and strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solo-

mon, when Rehoboam was young and inexperienced and could not withstand them. 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 **that** Jeroboam made for you as gods. 9 Have you not cast out the priests of **the LORD**, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made for yourselves priests, like the peoples of *other* lands, so that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven [7] rams may be a priest of *things that 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 shall not prosper!"

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 [500,000] 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**. 19 And Abijah pursued Jeroboam and took cities from him:

Bethel [*"house of God"*]

with its villages,

Jeshanah [*"storage"*]

with its villages, and

Ephraim [*"fawn-like"*]

with its villages. 20

So Jeroboam did not recover strength again in the days of Abijah; and **the LORD** struck him, and he died. 21 But Abijah grew mighty, married fourteen [14] wives, and begot twenty-two [22] sons and sixteen [16] daughters. 22 Now the rest of the acts of Abijah, his ways, and his sayings are written in **the Annals of the Prophet Iddo** [cf. **2Ch 12:15**].

1 Kings 15:6-7

Abijah, Son of Reoboam, Dies

6 And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life [repeat of 14:30, now including the life of Rehoboam's son Abijah]. 7 Now the rest of the acts of Abijah, 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 Abijah and Jeroboam.

1 Kings 15:8 ||

8 So Abijah rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Then Asa [*"healer"*] his son reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 14:1a

14:1a ¶ So Abijah rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Then Asa [*"healer"*] his son reigned in his place.

June 12

1 Kings 15:9-12

Asa Succeeds His Father Abijah

9 ¶ In the twentieth [20th] year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Asa became king over **Judah**. 10 And he reigned forty-one [41] years in **Jerusalem**.

[*Judah-Year: 21-61, so 3049 to 3089 AB: 1Ki 15:2 || 2Ch 13:2*]

His grandmother's name was

Maachah the granddaughter of Abishalom [repeat of 15:2b]. 11

Asa did *what was* right in the eyes of **the LORD**, as *did* his father David. 12 And he banished **the perverted persons** from the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

2 Chronicles 14:1b-8

In his [early] days the land was quiet for ten [10] years. 2

[3049-3058 AB, probably, during Jeroboam's last two years, the two of Nadab, and the first six of Baasha: next accounts]

Asa did *what was good and right* in the eyes of the LORD his God, 3 for he removed the altars of the foreign gods and the high places, and broke down the sacred pillars and cut down the wooden images. 4 He commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to observe the law and the commandment. 5 He also removed the high places and the incense altars from all the cities of Judah, and the kingdom was quiet under him. 6 And he built fortified cities in Judah, for the land had rest; he had no war in those years, because the LORD had given him rest. 7 Therefore, he said to Judah,

“Let us build these cities and make walls around them, 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 has given us rest on every side.”

So they built and prospered. 8 And Asa had an army of three hundred thousand [300,000] from Judah who carried shields and spears, and from Benjamin two hundred and eighty thousand [280,000] men who carried shields and drew bows; all these were mighty men of valor.

[Meantime, back in Israel:]

1 Kings 14:19-20

Summary: Jeroboam's Reign in Israel [moved from above:]

19 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he made war and how he reigned, indeed they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel. 20 The period that Jeroboam reigned was twenty-two [22] years.

[JudahYear:1-22, so 3029-3050AB: 1Ki 11:42 || 1Ch 29:30, June 10]

So he rested with his fathers. Then Nadab [“generous”] his son reigned in his place.

1 Kings 15:25-34

Nadab Succeeds His Father Jeroboam

25 ¶ Now Nadab the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in the second [2nd] year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two [2] years. 26

[JudahYear:21-22, so 3050-3051AB: 1Ki 11:42, 1Ki 14:20, 1Ki 15:28]

And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin.

[v31 moved ahead:]

31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?

Baasha Kills and Succeeds Nadab

27 Then Baasha [“wicked”] the son of Ahijah [“YHWH is (my) brother”], of the house of Issachar,

conspired against him. And Baasha killed him at Gibbethon [“mound”], which belonged to the Philistines, while Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon. 28 Baasha killed him in the third [3rd] year of Asa king of Judah,

[JudahYear:23 = 3051AB: 1Ki 15:10] and reigned in his place. 29

And it was so, when he became king, that he killed all the house of Jeroboam.

He did not leave to Jeroboam anyone that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the word of the LORD that He had spoken by

His servant Ahijah the Shilonite [1Ki 11:26-40, June 7], 30

because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he had sinned and

by which he had made Israel sin, because of his provocation

with which he had provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

[v31 moved above:]

Preview: Baasha's Reign in Israel

32 And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. 33

In the third [3rd] year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah became king over all Israel in Tirzah [“favorable”], and reigned twenty-four [24] years [JudahYear:23-46].

[3051-3074 AB: 1Ki 15:10] 34

He did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin.

[Now back to Asa king of Judah:]

2 Chronicles 14:9-15

The Ethiopians Come Against Judah

9 ¶ Then Zerah [“rising”] the Ethiopian came out against them [Judah] with an army of

a million [1,000,000] men and three hundred [300] chariots, and he came to Mareshah [“crest of a hill”]. 10 So Asa went out against him, and they set the troops in battle array in the Valley of Zepathah [“watch-tower”] at Mareshah. 11 And Asa cried out to the LORD his God, and said,

“LORD, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!” 12

So the LORD struck the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah, and the Ethiopians fled. 13 And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar [“a lodging place”]. So the Ethiopians were overthrown, and they could not recover, for they were broken before the LORD and His army. And they carried away very much spoil. 14 Then they defeated all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of the LORD came upon them; and they plundered all the cities, for there was exceedingly much spoil in them. 15 They also attacked the livestock enclosures, and carried off sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 15:1-15

The LORD Encourages Asa

15:1 ¶ Now **the Spirit of God** came upon Azariah [*“YHWH has helped”*] the son of Oded [*“restorer”*]. 2

And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him:

“Hear me, Asa, and all **Judah** and **Benjamin**.

The LORD is with you while you are with Him.

If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but

if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. 3

For a long time [*since Solomon*] **[34 years: 3029 to 3063 AB: 1Ki 11:42, June 10, and 2Ch 15:10]**

Israel *has been* without the true God, without a teaching priest, and without law; 4

but when in their trouble they turned to **the LORD God of Israel**, and sought Him,

He was found by them. 5

And in those times *there was* no peace to the one who went out, nor to the one who came in,

but great turmoil *was* on all the inhabitants of the lands. 6

No nation was destroyed by nation, and city by city, for **God** troubled them with every adversity. 7

But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak,

for your work shall be rewarded!”

8 ¶ And when Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded the prophet [*not reported here*], **he took courage**,

and removed the abominable idols from all the land of **Judah** and **Benjamin** and from the cities **that** he had taken in the mountains of **Ephraim** [*apparently with his father: 2Ch 13:2b-22*]; and he restored the altar of **the LORD** that *was* before the vestibule of **the LORD**. 9

Then he gathered all **Judah** and **Benjamin**, and those who dwelt with them from **Ephraim**, **Manasseh**, and **Simeon**,

for they came over to him in great numbers from Israel when they saw that **the LORD** his God was with him. 10 So they gathered together at **Jerusalem** in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. 11

[Asa-Reign: 15/03 (JudahYear:35), so 3063 AB: 1Ki 15:10]

And they offered to **the LORD** at that time seven hundred [700] bulls and seven thousand [7,000] sheep from the spoil they had brought. 12 Then they entered into a **covenant** to seek **the LORD God of their fathers** with all their heart and with all their soul; 13 and whoever would not seek **the LORD God of Israel** was to be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. 14 Then they took an oath before **the LORD** with a loud voice, with shouting and trumpets and rams’ horns. 15 And all **Judah** rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and sought Him with all their soul; and **He was found by them**, and **the LORD** gave them rest all around.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

1 Kings 15:13-22 ||

13 Also he removed Maachah [*“oppression”*] his grandmother from being queen mother, because she had made an obscene image of Asherah [*“groves (for idol worship)”*]. And Asa cut down her obscene image and burned it by the **Brook Kidron** [*“dark”*]. 14 But the high places were not removed.

Nevertheless, Asa’s heart was loyal to **the LORD** all his days. 15 He also brought into **the house of the LORD** the things **that** his father had dedicated, and **the things that** he himself had dedicated: silver and gold and utensils.

[JudahYear:35, 3063 AB: 1Ki 11:42 →]

16 Now there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

17 **And**

Baasha king of Israel came up against **Judah**, and built **Ramah** [*“hill”*], that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of **Judah**. 18 Then Asa took all the silver and gold *that was left in* the treasuries of **the house of the LORD** and **the treasuries** of the king’s house, and **delivered them into the hand of his servants**; and King Asa sent **them** to Ben-Hadad [*“son of [the false god] Hadad”*]

2 Chronicles 15:16-16:6

16 Also he removed Maachah [*“oppression”*], the [*grand*]mother of Asa the king, from being queen mother, because she had made an obscene image of Asherah [*“groves (for idol worship)”*]; and Asa cut down her obscene image, **then crushed** and burned it by the **Brook Kidron** [*“dark”*]. 17 But the high places were not removed from **Israel**. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was loyal _____ all his days. 18 He also brought into **the house of God** the things that his father had dedicated and _____ that he himself had dedicated: silver and gold and utensils. 19 And there was no war until the thirty-fifth [35th] year of the kingdom [reign] of Asa [*that is, the kingdom of Judah*].

Asa Depends on Ben-Hadad, not God [*← apparently from then on: 2Ch 16:9b*]

[↓ JudahYear:36, so 3064 AB]
16:1 ¶ **In the thirty-sixth [36th] year of the kingdom [reign] of Asa**,

Baasha king of Israel came up against **Judah** and built **Ramah** [*“hill”*], that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of **Judah**. 2 Then Asa brought _____ silver and gold from _____ the treasuries of **the house of the LORD** and _____ of the king’s house, and

sent _____ to Ben-Hadad

[This column is parallel to the next:]

the son of Tabrimmon

[“good is Rimmon”],

the son of Hezion [“vision”]

[probably Rezon (“prince”),

the contemporary of Solomon:

1Ki 11:23],

king of Syria, who dwelt in Damascus, saying, 19

“Let there be a treaty between you and me, as there was between my father and your father. See, I have sent you a present of silver and gold. Come and break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, so that he will withdraw from me.” 20

So Ben-Hadad heeded King Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel. He attacked

Ijon [“a ruin”],

Dan [“a judge”],

Abel Beth Maachah [“meadow of the house of Maachah”], and

all Chinneroth [“harps”], with all the land of Naphtali. 21

Now it happened, when Baasha heard it, that he stopped building Ramah, and remained in Tirzah. 22

Then King Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; none was exempted. And they took away the stones and timber of Ramah that Baasha had used for building; and with them King Asa built

Geba [“hill”] of Benjamin, and

Mizpah [“watchtower”].

king of Syria, who dwelt in Damascus, saying, 3

“Let there be a treaty between you and me, as there was between my father and your father. Here, I have sent you _____ silver and gold. Come, __ break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, so that he will withdraw from me.” 4

So Ben-Hadad heeded King Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel. They attacked

Ijon, [map of the area]

Dan,

Abel Maim _____ [“meadow of waters”], and

[← Galilee; see top of map ↓]

all the storage cities of Naphtali. 5
Now it happened, when Baasha heard it, that he stopped building Ramah and ceased his work. 6

Then King Asa took

all Judah,

and they carried away the stones and timber of Ramah that Baasha had used for building; and with them he _____ built

Geba

Mizpah.

and

2 Chronicles 16:7-10

The LORD Rebukes Asa via Hanani

7 ¶ And at that time Hanani [“gracious”] the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him:

“Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand. 8 Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim [Libyans] not a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on the LORD, He delivered them into your hand. 9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole land [earth], to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.” 10 Then Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in prison, for he was enraged at him because of this. And Asa oppressed some of the people at that time.

1 Kings 16

The LORD Rebukes Baasha via Jehu

16:1 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Jehu [“YHWH is He”] the son of Hanani, against Baasha, saying: 2

“Inasmuch as I lifted you out of the dust and made you ruler over My people Israel, and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have made My people Israel sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sins, 3 surely I will take away the posterity of Baasha and the posterity of his house, and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 4 The dogs shall eat

whoever belongs to Baasha and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the fields.” [Cf. 1Ki 14:11, re Jeroboam]

Summary: Baasha’s Reign in Israel

5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, what he did, and his might, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? 6 So Baasha rested with his fathers and was buried in Tirzah [“favorable”]. Then Elah [“an oak”] his son reigned in his place. 7 And also the word of the LORD came by the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha and his house, because of all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD in provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he killed them [1Ki 15:29].

Elah, Son of Baasha, Becomes King

8 In the twenty-sixth [26th] year of Asa king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha became king over Israel, and [co-]reigned two [2] years in Tirzah. [Asa-Reign:26 = JudahYear:46, so 3074-3075 AB: 1Ki 11:42]

Commander Zimri Kills Elah et al

9 Now his servant Zimri [“my music”], commander of half his chariots, conspired against him as he was in Tirzah drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza [“earthy”], steward of his house in Tirzah. 10 And Zimri went in and struck him and killed him in the twenty-seventh [27th] year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place. 11

Then it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he was seated on his throne, *that* he killed all the household of Baasha; he did not leave him one male, neither of his relatives nor of his friends. ¹² Thus Zimri destroyed all the household of Baasha, according to **the word of the LORD**, which He spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet [16:2-4], ¹³ for all the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son, by which they had sinned and by which they had made Israel sin, in provoking **the LORD God of Israel** to anger with their idols. ¹⁴ Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, *are they not* written in **the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?**

Commander Zimri Becomes King

¹⁵ ¶ In the twenty-seventh [27th] year of Asa king of **Judah**,

[Asa-Reign:27 = JudahYear:47, so 3075 AB: 1Ki 11:42]

Zimri had reigned in Tirzah seven [7] days. And the people *were* encamped against **Gibbethon** [“mound”], which *belonged* to the Philistines. ¹⁶ Now the people *who were* encamped heard it said, “Zimri has conspired and also has killed the king.”

So all Israel made Omri [“pupil of YHWH”], the commander of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp. ¹⁷ Then Omri and all Israel with him went up from **Gibbethon**, and they besieged Tirzah. ¹⁸ And it happened, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the citadel of the king’s house and burned the king’s

house down upon himself with fire, and died, ¹⁹ because of the sins **that** he had committed in doing evil in the sight of **the LORD**, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin

that he had committed to make Israel sin. ²⁰

Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and the treason he committed, *are they not* written in **the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?** ²¹

Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni [“intelligent”] the son of Ginath [“protection”], to make him king, and half followed Omri. ²²

But the people who followed Omri prevailed over the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath. So Tibni died and Omri reigned.

Commander Omri Becomes King

²³ In the thirty-first [31st] year of Asa king of **Judah**, Omri became king over Israel, *and reigned* twelve [12] years.

[Asa-Reign:31 = JudahYear:51, so 3079-3090 AB: 1Ki 15:9]

Six [6] years he reigned in Tirzah. ²⁴ And he bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer [“preserved”] for two [2] talents of silver¹; then he built on the hill, and called the name of the city **that** he built, Samaria,

¹ 2 x 60 lb x 16/oz/lb x ~\$10.80 = ~\$20,736 in 2008 dollars.

[“watch mountain”; became the capital city of the northern kingdom of Israel located 30 miles (50 km) north of Jerusalem and 6 miles (10 km) northwest of Shechem] after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill. ²⁵ Omri did evil in the eyes of **the LORD**, and did **worse than all who were before him**. ²⁶ For he walked in all the ways of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin, provoking **the LORD God of Israel** to anger with their idols. ²⁷ Now the rest of the acts of Omri **that** he did, and the might that he showed, *are they not* written in **the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?** ²⁸ So Omri rested with his fathers and was buried in Samaria. Then Ahab [“father’s brother”] his son reigned in his place.

Ahab, Son of Omri, Becomes King

²⁹ ¶ In the thirty-eighth [38th] year of Asa king of **Judah**, Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two [22] years.

[Asa-Reign:38 = JudahYear:58, so 3086-3107 AB: 1Ki 11:42]

³⁰ Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of **the LORD**, **more than all who were before him** [he out-did his father: v25b].

Ahab Marries Jezebel, Worships Baal

³¹ And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel

[“Baal exalts/is husband to” or “unchaste”] the daughter of Ethbaal [“with Baal”], king of the Sidonians; and **he went and served Baal [“lord”] and worshiped him**. ³² Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. ³³ And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke **the LORD God of Israel** to anger **than all the kings of Israel who were before him** [out-doing his father Omri: v30].

Hiel Rebuilds Jericho — Cost: His Two Sons

³⁴ In his days Hiel [“God lives”] of **Bethel** [“house of God”] built Jericho [“its moon”].

He laid its foundation with Abiram [“my father is exalted”] his firstborn, and with his youngest son Segub [“exalted”]

he set up its gates, according to **the word of the LORD that** He had spoken through Joshua the son of Nun [cf. Joshua 6:26].

1 Kings 15:23-24 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

23 The rest of all the acts of Asa, all his might, all that he did, and the cities **that** he built, *are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah* _____? But in the time of his old age

he was _____ diseased in his feet. 24

So Asa rested with his fathers,

and was buried with his fathers

in the City of David his father.
[great great grandfather: David → Solomon → Reoboam → Abijam → Asa]

Then Jehoshaphat [*“judged by YHWH”*] his son reigned in his place.

2 Chronicles 16:11-17:2

Judah's King Asa Dies

11 Note that _____ the acts of Asa, first and last,

_____ are indeed written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel. 12 And in the thirty-ninth [39th] year of his reign,

[Asa-Reign:39 = JudahYear:59, so 3087 AB: 1Ki 15:9]

Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but the physicians. 13 So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first [41st] year of his reign. 14

[Asa-Reign:41 = JudahYear:61, so 3089 AB: 1Ki 15:9]

They _____ buried him in his own tomb, which he had made for himself in the City of David;

and they laid him in the bed **that** was filled with spices and various ingredients prepared in a mixture of ointments. They made a very great burning for him.

17:1 ¶

Then Jehoshaphat [*“judged by YHWH”*] his son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel. 2 And he placed troops in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim **that** Asa his father had taken [*cf. 2Ch 15:8b*].

June 13

1 Kings 22:41-44 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

41 _____ Jehoshaphat the son of Asa had become king over Judah in the fourth [4th] year of Ahab king of Israel. 42 Jehoshaphat was thirty-five [35] years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five [25] years in Jerusalem.

[Jehos-Reign:1 = JudahYear:62, so 3090-3114 AB: 2Ch 16:13]

His mother's name was Azubah [*“forsaken”*] the daughter of Shilhi [*“armed”*]. 43 And he walked in all the ways of his father Asa. He did not turn aside from them, doing what was right in the eyes of the LORD.

Nevertheless, the high places were not taken away, *for* the people offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. 44 Also Jehoshaphat made peace with [*Ahab*] the king of Israel.

2 Chronicles 20:31-33

Asa's Son Jehoshaphat Reigns

31 ¶ So Jehoshaphat was king over Judah.

He _____ was thirty-five [35] years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five [25] years in Jerusalem.

[Jehos-Reign:1 = JudahYear:62, so 3090-3114 AB: 2Ch 16:13]

His mother's name was Azubah [*“forsaken”*] the daughter of Shilhi [*“armed”*]. 32 And he walked in _____ the way of his father Asa, and did not turn aside from it _____, doing what was right in the sight of the LORD. 33 Nevertheless, the high places were not taken away, *for as yet* the people had not directed their hearts to the God of their fathers.

[2Ch 20:34 follows 2Ki 3:27]

2 Chronicles 17:3-19

Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the former ways of his father David; he did not seek the Baals, 4 but sought the God of his father, and walked in His commandments and not according to the acts of Israel. 5 Therefore, the LORD established the kingdom [of Judah] in his hand; and all Judah gave presents to Jehoshaphat, and he had riches and honor in abundance. 6 And his heart took delight in the ways of the LORD; moreover he removed the high places and wooden images from Judah. 7

Also in the third [3rd] year of his reign [Jehos-Reign:3 = JudahYear:64, so 3092 AB: 2Ch 16:13]

he sent his leaders,

Ben-Hail [*“son of strength/might”*], Obadiah [*“YHWH’s servant”*], Zechariah [*“YHWH remembers”*], Nethanel [*“God-given”*], and Michaiah [*“who is like YHWH”*], to teach in the cities of Judah. 8 And with them *he sent* Levites:

Shemaiah [*“YHWH-heard”*], Nethaniah [*“given of YHWH”*], Zebadiah [*“YHWH’s endowment”*], Asahel [*“God-made”*], Shemiramoth [*“name of heights”*], Jehonathan [*“given by YHWH”*], Adonijah [*“YHWH is my lord”*], Tobijah [*“YHWH is good”*], and Tobadonijah [*“YHWH is my lord, good”*] — the Levites;

and with them:

Elishama [*“heard by my God”*] and Jehoram [*“exalted is YHWH”*], the priests. 9

So they taught in Judah, and had the Book of the Law of the LORD [first mention for several generations] with them; they went throughout all the cities of Judah and taught the people.

10 ¶ And the fear of the LORD fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat. 11 Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents and silver as tribute; and the Arabians brought him flocks,

seven thousand seven hundred [7,700] rams and seven thousand seven hundred [7,700] male goats. 12

So Jehoshaphat became increasingly powerful, and he built fortresses and storage cities in Judah. 13 He had much property in the cities of Judah; and the men of war, mighty men of valor, were in Jerusalem. 14 These are their numbers, according to their fathers’ houses:

Of Judah, the captains of thousands: Adnah [*“pleasure”*] the captain, and with him three hundred thousand [300,000] mighty men of valor; 15 and next to him was Jehohanan [*“graced by YHWH”*] the captain, and with him two hundred and eighty thousand [280,000]; 16 and next to him was Amasiah [*“YHWH is strength”*] the son of Zichri [*“memorable”*], who willingly offered himself to the LORD, and with him two hundred thousand [200,000] mighty men of valor. 17

Of Benjamin: Eliada [*“God knows”*] a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred thousand [280,000] men armed with bow and shield; 18 and next to him was Jehozabab [*“endowed by YHWH”*], and with him one hundred and eighty thousand [180,000] prepared for war. 19 These served the king, besides those the king put in the fortified cities throughout all Judah. [Total: 1,240,000 = 780,000 of Judah, plus 460,000 of Benjamin]

1 Kings 17

Enter Elijah, Who Predicts a Drought
[Count his miracles? S/B 12?]

17:1 ¶ And Elijah [*“YHWH is my God”*] the Tishbite [*“captivity”*], of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.” 2 Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 3

“Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith [*“cutting”*], which flows into the Jordan. 4 And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” 5

So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. 7 And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

A Widow Provides For Elijah

8 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 9

“Arise, go to Zarephath [*“refinery”*], which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.” 10

So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said,

“Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.” 11

And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” 12

So she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” 13

And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the LORD God of Israel:

“The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the land [earth].” 15

So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.

16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD that He spoke by Elijah.

The Widows Son Dies

17 ¶ Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. 18 So she said to Elijah,

“What have I to do with you, O **man of God**? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?” 19

And he said to her,
“Give me your son.”

So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. 20 Then he cried out to **the LORD** and said,

“O **LORD my God**, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?” 21 And he stretched himself out on the child three [3] times, and cried out to **the LORD** and said,

“O **LORD my God**, I pray, let this child’s soul come back to him.” 22 Then **the LORD** heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said,

“See, your son lives!” 24 Then the woman said to Elijah,
“Now by this I know that you **are a man of God**, and that **the word of the LORD** in your mouth *is* the truth.”

1 Kings 18

Severe Drought, Famine in Samaria

18:1 ¶ And it came to pass *after* many days that **the word of the LORD** came to Elijah, **in the third [3rd] year [of the drought]**, saying,

“Go, present yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the land [earth].” 2

So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab; and *there was* a severe famine in Samaria. 3 And Ahab had called Obadiah [“*YHWH’s servant*”], who *was* in charge of *his* house. (Now Obadiah feared **the LORD** greatly. 4

For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of **the LORD**, that Obadiah had taken one hundred [100] prophets and hidden them, fifty [50] to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water.)

5 And Ahab had said to Obadiah,
“Go into the land to all the springs of water and to all the brooks; perhaps we may find grass to keep the horses and mules alive, so that we will not have to kill any livestock.” 6

So they divided the land between them to explore it:

Ahab went one way
by himself, and

Obadiah went another way
by himself. 7

Now as Obadiah was on his way, suddenly Elijah met him; and he recognized him, and fell on his face, and said,
“*Is that you, my lord Elijah?*” 8

And he answered him,
“*It is I. Go, tell your master, ‘Elijah is here.’*” 9

So he said,
“How have I sinned, that you are delivering your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me? 10 *As the LORD your God lives*, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent someone to hunt for you; and when they said, ‘*He is not here*’,

he took an oath from the kingdom or nation that they could not find you. 11 And now you say,

‘Go, tell your master,
“Elijah is here!”’ 12

And it shall come to pass, *as soon as I am gone* from you, that **the Spirit of the LORD** will carry you to a place I do not know; so when I go and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I your servant have feared **the LORD** from my youth. 13 Was it not reported to my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of **the LORD**, how I hid one hundred [100] men of **the LORD’s** prophets, fifty [50] to a cave, and fed them with bread and water? 14 And now you say,

‘Go, tell your master,
“Elijah is here.”’?

He will kill me!” 15

Then Elijah said,
“*As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand,*

I will surely present myself to him today.” 16

So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

Elijah Challenges Baal’s Prophets

17 ¶ Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him,
“*Is that you, O troubler of Israel?*” 18

And he answered,
“I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father’s house *have*, in that you have forsaken **the commandments of the LORD** and have followed the Baals. 19

Now therefore, send *and* gather all Israel to me on **Mount Carmel**, the four hundred and fifty [450] prophets

of Baal, and the four hundred [400] prophets of Asherah [“*star*”], who eat at Jezebel’s table.” 20

So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel.

21 ¶ And Elijah came to all the people, and said,

“How long will you falter between two opinions? If **the LORD is God**, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people answered him not a word. 22 Then Elijah said to the people,

“I alone am left a prophet of **the LORD**; but Baal’s prophets *are* four hundred and fifty [450] men. 23 Therefore let them give us two [2] bulls; and let them choose one [1] bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on the wood, but put no fire *under it*; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay *it* on the wood, but put no fire *under it*. 24

Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on **the name of the LORD**; and the god who answers by fire, **He is God.**”

So all the people answered and said,
“It is well spoken.” 25

Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal,

“Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare *it* first, for you *are* many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire *under it*.” 26

So they took the bull **that** was given them, and they prepared *it*, and called on the name of Baal **from morning even till noon**, saying,
“O Baal, hear us!”

But *there was* no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar **that** they had made. 27 And so it was, **at noon**, that Elijah mocked them and said,
 “Cry aloud, for he *is* a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened.” 28
 So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. 29 And when midday was past, they prophesied **until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice**. But *there was* no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention. 30 Then Elijah said to all the people,
 “Come near to me.”
 So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of **the LORD** that was broken down. 31 And Elijah took twelve [12] stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom **the word of the LORD** had come, saying,
 “Israel shall be your name.” 32
 Then with the stones, he built an altar in **the name of the LORD**; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two [2] seahs [*a measure of flour or grain; unknown amount*] of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid *it* on the wood, and said,
 “Fill four [4] waterpots with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood.” 34
 Then he said,
 “Do *it* a second time”,

and they did *it* a second time; and he said,
 “Do *it* a third time”,
 and they did *it* a third time. 35 So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water. 36
 And it came to pass, **at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice**, that Elijah the prophet came near and said,
 “**LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel**, let it be known this day that **You are God in Israel** and **I am Your servant**, and **that I have done all these things at Your word**.” 37
 Hear me, O **LORD**, hear me, that this people may know that **You are the LORD God**, and **that You have turned their hearts back to You again**.” 38
 Then **the fire of the LORD** fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that *was* in the trench. 39
 Now when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces; and they said,
 “**The LORD, He is God!**
The LORD, He is God!” 40
 And Elijah said to them,
 “Seize the prophets of Baal!
 Do not let one of them escape!”
 So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon [*“winding”*] and executed them there.
Heavy Rain Comes
 41 ¶ Then Elijah said to Ahab,
 “Go up, eat and drink; for *there is* the sound of abundance of rain.” 42
 So Ahab went up to eat and drink.
 And Elijah went up to the top of Car-

mel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, 43 and said to his servant,
 “Go up now, look toward the sea.”
 So he went up and looked, and said,
 “*There is nothing*.”
 And seven [7] times he said,
 “Go again.” 44
 Then it came to pass the seventh [7th] time, that he said,
 “There is a cloud, as small as a man’s hand, rising out of the sea!”
 So he said,
 “Go up, say to Ahab,
 ‘Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.’” 45
 Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to **Jezebel** [*“God sows”*]. 46 Then **the hand of the LORD** came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezebel.
1 Kings 19
Jezebel Threatens Elijah
 19:1 ¶ And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. 2
 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying,
 “So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.” 3
 And when he saw *that*, he arose and **ran** for his life, and went to **Beersheba** [*“well of the sevenfold oath”*], which *belongs* to **Judah**, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day’s

journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said,
 “It is enough! Now, **LORD**, take my life, for I *am* no better than my fathers!” 5
 Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him,
 “Arise and eat.” 6
 Then he looked, and there by his head *was* a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 And **the angel of the LORD** came back the second time, and touched him, and said,
 “Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you.” 8
 So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty [40] days and forty [40] nights as far as **Horeb** [*“desert”; aka Sinai*], the mountain of God.

The LORD Speaks to Elijah

9 ¶ And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, **the word of the LORD** came to him, and He said to him,
 “What are you doing here, Elijah?” 10
 So he said,
 “I have been very zealous for **the LORD God of hosts**; for the children of Israel have forsaken **Your covenant**,
 [Quoted by Paul in Ro 11:3]
 torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword,
 I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.” 11
 Then He said,

“Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD.”

And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. ¹³ So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said,

“What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ And he said,

“I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, [Quoted by Paul in Ro 11:3] torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword.

I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.” ¹⁵

Then the LORD said to him:

“Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus [“silent is the sackcloth weaver”]; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael [“one who sees God”] as king over Syria [“exalted”; aka Aram]. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu [“YHWH is He”] the son of Nimshi [“rescued”] as king over Israel. And Elisha [“God is salvation”] the son of Shaphat [“(he has) judged”] of

Abel Meholah [“meadow of dancing”] you shall anoint as prophet in your place.

¹⁷ It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. ¹⁸

[Quoted by Paul in Ro 11:4] Yet I have reserved [for Myself] seven thousand [7,000] [men] in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal [who have not bowed the knee to Baal], and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Elijah Anoints Elisha to Replace Him

¹⁹ ¶ So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve [12] yoke of oxen before him, and he was [plowing] with the twelfth [12th]. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. ²⁰ And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, “Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.”

And he said to him, “Go back again, for [consider] what have I done to you?” ²¹

So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen’s equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

June 14

1 Kings 20

War Between Syria and Israel

^{20:1} ¶ Now Ben-Hadad the king of Syria gathered all his forces together; thirty-two [32] kings were with him, with horses and chariots. And he went up and besieged Samaria, and made war against it. ² Then he sent messengers into the city to Ahab king of Israel, and said to him,

“Thus says Ben-Hadad: ³ ‘Your silver and your gold are mine; your loveliest wives

and children are mine.’” ⁴

And [Ahab] the king of Israel answered and said,

“My lord, O king, just as you say, I and all that I have are yours.” ⁵

Then the messengers came back and said,

“Thus speaks Ben-Hadad, saying, ‘Indeed I have sent to you, saying,

“You shall deliver to me your silver and your gold, your wives and your children”; ⁶

but I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house and the houses of your servants. And it shall be, that whatever is pleasant in your eyes, they will put it in their hands and take it.” ⁷

So the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said,

“Notice, please, and see how this man seeks trouble, for he sent to me for

my wives, my children, my silver, and my gold; and I did not deny him.” ⁸

And all the elders and all the people said to him,

“Do not listen or consent.” ⁹

Therefore he said to the messengers of Ben-Hadad,

“Tell my lord the king,

‘All that you sent for to your servant the first time I will do, but this thing I cannot do.’”

And the messengers departed and brought back word to him. ¹⁰ Then Ben-Hadad sent to him and said,

“The gods do so to me, and more also, if enough dust is left of Samaria for a handful for each of the people who follow me.” ¹¹

So the king of Israel answered and said, “Tell him,

‘Let not the one who puts on his armor boast like the one who takes it off.’” [Modern: “Don’t count your chickens before they hatch.”]

¹² ¶ And it happened when Ben-Hadad heard this message, as he and the kings were drinking at the command post, that he said to his servants,

“Get ready.”

And they got ready to attack the city. ¹³ Suddenly a prophet approached Ahab king of Israel, saying,

“Thus says the LORD:

‘Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver it into your hand today, and you shall know that I am the LORD.’” ¹⁴

So Ahab said,

“By whom?”

And he said,

“Thus says the LORD:

‘By the young leaders of the provinces.’”

Then he said,
“Who will set the battle in order?”
And he answered,
“You.”¹⁵
Then he mustered the young leaders of the provinces, and there were two hundred and thirty-two [232]; and after them he mustered all the people, all the children of Israel — seven thousand [7,000].¹⁶ So they went out at noon. Meanwhile Ben-Hadad and the thirty-two [32] kings helping him were getting drunk at the command post.¹⁷ The young leaders of the provinces went out first. And Ben-Hadad sent out a patrol, and they told him, saying,
“Men are coming out of Samaria!”¹⁸
So he said,

“If they have come out for peace, take them alive; and if they have come out for war, take them alive.”¹⁹

Then these young leaders of the provinces went out of the city with the army that followed them.²⁰ And each one killed his man; so the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them; and Ben-Hadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with the cavalry.²¹ Then [Ahab] the king of Israel went out and attacked the horses and chariots, and killed the Syrians with a great slaughter.

²² ¶ And the prophet [v13] came to the king of Israel and said to him,
“Go, strengthen yourself; take note, and see what you should do, for in the spring of the year the king of Syria will come up against you.”²³

Then the servants of the king of Syria said to him,
“Their gods are gods of the hills. Therefore, they were stronger than we; but if we fight against them in the plain, surely we will be stronger than they.”²⁴ So do this thing: Dismiss the kings, each from his position, and put captains in their places;²⁵ and you shall muster an army like the army that you have lost, horse for horse and chariot for chariot. Then we will fight against them in the plain; surely we will be stronger than they.”

And he listened to their voice and did so.²⁶ So it was, in the spring of the year, that Ben-Hadad mustered the Syrians and went up to Aphek [“enclosure”] to fight against Israel.²⁷ And the children of Israel were mustered and given provisions, and they went against them. Now the children of Israel encamped before them like two [2] little flocks of goats, while the Syrians filled the countryside.²⁸ Then a man of God came and spoke to the king of Israel, and said,
“Thus says the LORD:

‘Because the Syrians have said,
“The LORD is god of the hills, but He is not god of the valleys”, therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD.’”²⁹

And they encamped opposite each other for seven [7] days. So it was that on the seventh [7th] day the battle was joined; and the children of Israel killed one hundred thousand [100,000] foot soldiers of the Syrians in one day.³⁰ But the rest fled to Aphek, into the

city; then a wall fell on twenty-seven thousand [27,000] of the men who were left. And Ben-Hadad fled and went into the city, into an inner chamber.

³¹ ¶ Then his servants said to him,
“Look now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings. Please, let us put sackcloth around our waists and ropes around our heads, and go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he will spare your life.”³² So they wore sackcloth around their waists and put ropes around their heads, and came to [Ahab] the king of Israel and said,
“Your servant Ben-Hadad says,
‘Please let me live.’”

And he said,
“Is he still alive? He is my brother.”³³ Now the men were watching closely to see whether any sign of mercy would come from him; and they quickly grasped at this word and said,
“Your brother Ben-Hadad.”

So he said,
“Go, bring him.”
Then Ben-Hadad came out to him; and he had him come up into the chariot.³⁴ So Ben-Hadad said to him,
“The cities that my father took from your father I will restore; and you may set up marketplaces for yourself in Damascus, as my father did in Samaria.”
Then Ahab said,
“I will send you away with this treaty.”
So he made a treaty with him and sent him away.³⁵ Now a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor by the word of the LORD,
“Strike me, please.”

And the man refused to strike him.³⁶ Then he said to him,
“Because you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, surely, as soon as you depart from me, a lion shall kill you.”
And as soon as he left him, a lion found him and killed him.³⁷ And he found another man, and said,
“Strike me, please.”
So the man struck him, inflicting a wound.³⁸ Then the prophet departed and waited for the king by the road, and disguised himself with a bandage over his eyes.³⁹ Now as the king passed by, he cried out to the king and said,
“Your servant went out into the midst of the battle; and there, a man came over and brought a man to me, and said,

‘Guard this man; if by any means he is missing, your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver.’”⁴⁰

While your servant was busy here and there, he was gone.”

Then the king of Israel said to him,
“So shall your judgment be; you yourself have decided it.”⁴¹ And he hastened to take the bandage away from his eyes; and the king of Israel recognized him as one of the prophets.⁴² Then he said to him,
“Thus says the LORD:
‘Because you have let slip out of your hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore your life shall go for his life, and your people for his people.’”⁴³

² 1 x 60 lb x 16/oz/lb x ~\$10.80 = ~\$10,368 in 2008 dollars.

So the king of Israel went to his house **sullen and displeased**, and came to Samaria.

1 Kings 21

Jezebel Kills to Take a Vineyard

21:1 ¶ And it came to pass after these things *that*

Naboth [*“fruits”*] the Jezreelite had a vineyard **that** was in Jezreel [*“God sows”*], next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, *“Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near, next to my house; and for it I will give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money.”* 3

But Naboth said to Ahab, *“The LORD forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!”* 4 So Ahab went into his house **sullen and displeased** because of the word **that** Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, *“I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.”* And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food.

5 ¶ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him,

*“Why is your spirit so **sullen** that you eat no food?”* 6

He said to her,

“Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him,

‘Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it.’

And he answered,

‘I will not give you my vineyard.’” 7

Then Jezebel his wife said to him,

“You now exercise authority over Israel!

Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.” 8

And she wrote letters in Ahab’s name, sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who *were* dwelling in the city with Naboth.

9 She wrote in the letters, saying,

“Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with high honor among the people; 10 and seat two [2] men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him, saying,

‘You have blasphemed God and the king.’

Then take him out, and stone him, that he may die.’ 11

So the men of his city, the elders and nobles who were inhabitants of his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, as it was written in the letters **that** she had sent to them. 12 They proclaimed a fast, and seated Naboth with high honor among the people. 13 And two men, scoundrels, came in and sat before him; and the scoundrels witnessed against him, against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying,

“Naboth has blasphemed God and the king!”

Then they took him outside the city and **stoned him with stones**, so that he died.

14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying,

“Naboth has been stoned and is dead.”

15 And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab,

“Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead.” 16

So it was, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab got up and went down to take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

17 ¶ Then **the word of the LORD** came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 18

*“Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who *lives* in Samaria. There *he is*, in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to take possession of it. 19 You shall speak to him, saying,*

‘Thus says the LORD:

“Have you murdered and also taken possession?”’

And you shall speak to him, saying,

‘Thus says the LORD:

“In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours.”’” 20

[Fulfilled: 22:38]

So Ahab said to Elijah,

“Have you found me, O my enemy?”

And he answered,

*“I have found *you*, because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the LORD [who says]: 21*

*‘Behold, I will bring calamity on you. I will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab every male in Israel, both bond and free. 22 I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked *Me* to anger, and made Israel sin.’* 23

And concerning Jezebel, **the LORD** also spoke, saying,

‘The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. 24 The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Ahab and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field.’” 25

[Cf. 1Ki 16:4, re Baasha]

But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of **the LORD**, because **Jezebel his wife stirred him up**. 26 And he behaved very abominably in following idols, according to all *that* the Amorites had done, whom **the LORD** had cast out before the children of Israel. 27 So it was, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his body, and fasted and lay in sackcloth, and went about mourning. 28 And **the word of the LORD** came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29 *“See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the calamity on his house.”*

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1 Kings 22:51-53

Ahab’s Son Ahaziah Co-Reigns

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab became king over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth [*17th*] year of Jehoshaphat king of **Judah**, and [*co-*]reigned [*with Ahab*] two [*2*] years over Israel.

[Jehos-Reign: 17 = JudahYear: 78, so 3106-3107 AB: 2Ch 16:13; this is also the last two years of Ahab’s reign: 1Ki 16:29]

52 He did evil in the sight of **the LORD**, and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin; 53 for he served Baal and worshiped him, and provoked **the LORD God of Israel** to anger, according to all that his father had done.

1 Kings 22:48-49 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

48 _____ Jehoshaphat

made merchant ships to go to Ophir [*“reducing to ashes”*] for gold;

but they never sailed, for the ships were wrecked at **Ezion Geber** [*“backbone of a man”*].

49 Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab [*had*] said to Jehoshaphat, “Let my servants go with your servants in the ships.” But Jehoshaphat would not.

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2 Chronicles 20:35-37

Jehoshaphat Allies with Ahaziah

35 After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who acted very wickedly.

36 And he allied himself with him to make _____ ships to go to Tarshish [*“yellow jasper”*], and they made the ships in **Ezion Geber** [*“backbone of a man”*].

37 But Eliezer [*“God is help”*] the son of Dodavah [*“beloved of YHWH”*] of Mareshah [*“crest of a hill”*] prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, “Because you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, **the LORD** has destroyed your works.”

Then the ships were wrecked, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

[← must have happened before the ships were wrecked?]

1 Kings 22:1-9 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

22:1 ¶ Now three [*3*] years passed without war between Syria and Israel. 2 Then it came to pass, in the third [*3rd*] year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went down to *visit* the king of Israel. 3 And [*Ahab*] the king of Israel said to his servants,

“Do you know that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, but we hesitate to take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?” 4

So he said to Jehoshaphat, “Will you go with me to fight at Ramoth Gilead?” Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “I am as you are, _____ my people as your people, my horses as your horses.” 5

Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “Please inquire for **the word of the LORD** today.” 6

Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred [*~400*] men, and said to them, “Shall I go _____ against Ramoth Gilead to fight, or shall I refrain?” So they said,

2 Chronicles 18:1-8

Ahab, Jehoshaphat Fight Syria

18:1 ¶ Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and by marriage he allied himself with Ahab. 2 After some years

[← last year of Ahab’s life: 1Ki 22:37] he went down to *visit* Ahab in Samaria;

and Ahab killed sheep and oxen in abundance for him and the people who were with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramoth Gilead.

3 So Ahab king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, “Will you go with me *against* Ramoth Gilead?” And he answered him, “I am as you are, and my people as your people;

we will be with you in the war.” 4 ¶ And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “Please inquire for **the word of the LORD** today.” 5

Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, _____ four hundred [*~400*] men, and said to them, “Shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead _____, or shall I refrain?” And they said,

[This column is parallel to the next:]

“Go up, for the Lord [*“Adonai”*] will deliver *it* into the hand of the king.”

7 And Jehoshaphat said, “*Is there* not still a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of Him?” 8a

So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, [*reordered to match*]

“*There is* still one man, 8c

by whom we may inquire of the LORD; but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but _____ evil:

8b _____ Micaiah [*“who is like YHWH”*] the son of Imlah

[*“whom God will fill up”*].”

And Jehoshaphat said,

“Let not the king say such things!” 9

Then the king of Israel called an _____ officer_ and said,

“Bring Micaiah the son of Imlah quickly!”

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1 Kings 22:10-35 ||

10 The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, having put on *their* robes, sat each on his throne,

at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

11 Now Zedekiah [*“YHWH is righteous”*] the son of Chenaanah [*“trader”*] had made horns of iron for himself; and he said,

“Thus says the LORD:

‘With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.’” 12

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“Go up, for God _____ will deliver it into the king’s hand.”

6 But Jehoshaphat said, “*Is there* not still a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of Him?” 7

So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat,

“*There is* still one man

by whom we may inquire of the LORD; but I hate him, because he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil.

He is Micaiah [*“who is like YHWH”*] the son of Imlah

[*“whom God will fill up”*].”

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2 Chronicles 18:9-34

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And all the prophets prophesied so, saying,

“Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for the LORD will deliver *it* into the king’s hand.” 13

Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, “Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king.

_____ Please, let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak encouragement.” 14

And Micaiah said,

“As the LORD lives, whatever the LORD says to me, that I will speak.”

15 ¶ Then he came to the king; and the king said to him,

“Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall we refrain?”

And he answered him,

“Go and prosper, for the LORD will deliver *it* into the hand of the king!” 16

So the king said to him,

“How many times shall I make you swear that you tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?” 17

Then he said,

“I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said,

‘**These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace.**’” 18

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“Therefore hear **the word of the LORD**:
I saw **the LORD** sitting on **His throne**,
and all the host of heaven standing **by**
on His right hand and **on** His left. 20
And **the LORD** said,
“Who will persuade Ahab
to go up, that he may fall at
Ramoth Gilead?”
So one spoke in this manner, and
another spoke in that manner. 21
Then a spirit came forward and stood
before the LORD, and said,
‘I will persuade him.’ 22
The LORD said to him,
‘In what way?’
So he said,
‘I will go out and be a lying spirit in
the mouth of all his prophets.’
And **the LORD** said,
‘You shall persuade *him*, and also
prevail. Go out and do so.’ 23
Therefore look! **The LORD** has put a
lying spirit in the mouth of **all** these
prophets of yours, and **the LORD** has
declared disaster against you.” 24
Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah
went near and struck Micaiah on the
cheek, and said,
“Which way did the spirit from **the**
LORD go from me to speak to you?” 25
And Micaiah said,
“Indeed, you shall see on that day
when you go into an inner chamber
to hide!” 26
So the king of Israel said,
“Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon
the governor of the city and to Joash
[“given by YHWH”] the king’s son; 27
and say,

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and all the host of heaven standing **by**
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when you go into an inner chamber
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Then the king of Israel said,
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the governor of the city and to Joash
[“given by YHWH”] the king’s son; 26
and say,

[This column is parallel to the next:]

“Thus says the king:
“Put this *fellow* in prison, and feed him
with bread of affliction and water of
affliction, until I come in peace.”” 28
But Micaiah said,
“If you ever return in peace,
the LORD has not spoken by me.”
And he said,
“Take heed, all you people!”
29 ¶ So the king of Israel and Jehosh-
aphat the king of **Judah** went up to
Ramoth Gilead. 30 And the king of
Israel said to Jehoshaphat,
“I will disguise myself and go into
battle; but you put on your robes.”
So the king of Israel disguised him-
self, and **_____** went into battle. 31
Now the king of Syria had com-
manded the **thirty-two [32]** captains
of **his** chariots,
saying,
“Fight with no one small or great,
but only with the king of Israel.” 32
So it was, when the captains of the
chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they
said,
“Surely it is the king of Israel!”
Therefore, they
turned aside to fight against him, and
Jehoshaphat cried out.
33 **And it happened,**
when the captains of the chariots saw
that it was not the king of Israel, that
they turned back from pursuing him.

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“Put this *fellow* in prison, and feed him
with bread of affliction and water of
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“I will disguise myself and go into
battle; but you put on your robes.”
So the king of Israel disguised him-
self, and they went into battle. 30
Now the king of Syria had com-
manded the **_____** captains
of **the** chariots **who were with him**,
saying,
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So it was, when the captains of the
chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they
said,
“It is the king of Israel!”
Therefore, they
surrounded _____ him to attack; but
Jehoshaphat cried out,
and **the LORD** helped him,
and God diverted them from him. 32
For so it was,
when the captains of the chariots saw
that it was not the king of Israel, that
they turned back from pursuing him.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

34 Now a *certain* man drew a bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of his armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, “Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded.” 35 The battle increased that day; and the king _____ was propped _____ up in his chariot, facing the Syrians, and died at evening.

The blood ran out from the wound onto the floor of the chariot.

1 Kings 22:36-40

Israel's King Ahab Dies

36 Then, as the sun was going down, a shout went throughout the army, saying,

“Every man to his city, and every man to his own country!” 37

So **the king died**, and was brought to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria. 38 Then *someone* washed the chariot at a pool in Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood while the harlots bathed, according to **the word of the LORD that** He had spoken [21:19b].

39

Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, the ivory house **that** he built and all the cities that he built, *are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel?* 40 So Ahab rested with his fathers. **Then Ahaziah his son reigned in his place** [now as sole rex, but he too died that same year: 1Ki 22:51 and 2Ki 1:17].

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33 Now a *certain* man drew a bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of his armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, “Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded.” 34 The battle increased that day, and the king of Israel _____ propped *himself* _____ up in *his* chariot, facing the Syrians, until _____ evening; and about the time of sunset he died.

[1Ki 22:41-44 follow 1Ki 15:24]

[1Ki 22:45-47,50 follow 2Ki 3:27]

[1Ki 22:48-49 follow 1Ki 21:29]

[1Ki 22:51-53 follow 1Ki 21:29]

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The LORD is Angry with Jehoshaphat

19:1 ¶ Then Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned safely to his house in Jerusalem. 2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, “Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Therefore, **the wrath of the LORD is** upon you. 3 Nevertheless, good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the land, and have prepared your heart to seek God.” 4 So Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the mountains of Ephraim, and brought them back to **the LORD God of their fathers**.

Jehoshaphat Appoints Judges

5 Then he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, 6 and said to the judges, “Take heed to what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for **the LORD**, who *is* with you in the judgment. 7 Now therefore, let the fear of **the LORD** be upon you; take care and do it, for *there is* no iniquity with **the LORD our God**, no partiality, nor taking of bribes.” 8

Moreover in Jerusalem,

for the judgment of **the LORD** and for controversies,

Jehoshaphat appointed some of the Levites and priests, and some of the chief fathers of Israel, when they returned to Jerusalem. 9 And he commanded them, saying, “Thus you shall act in **the fear of the LORD**, faithfully and with a loyal heart:

10 Whatever case comes to you from your brethren who dwell in their cities, whether of bloodshed or offenses against law or commandment, against statutes or ordinances, you shall warn them, lest they trespass against **the LORD** and wrath come upon you and your brethren. Do this, and you will not be guilty. 11 And take notice: Amariah [“*YHWH speaks (has promised)*”] the chief priest *is* over you in all matters of **the LORD**; and Zebadiah [“*YHWH's endowment*”] the son of Ishmael [“*God will hear*”], the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters; also the Levites *will be* officials before you. Behave courageously, and **the LORD** will be with the good.”

2 Chronicles 20:1-30

Ammon, Moab, Mt. Seir Attack Judah

20:1 ¶ It happened after this *that* the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and *others* with them

besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat. 2 Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, “A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar

[“*dividing the date-palm*”] (which *is* En Gedi [“*fount of the kid*”]).” 3

And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek **the LORD**, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. 4 So Judah gathered together to ask *help* from **the LORD**; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek **the LORD**. 5 Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in **the house of the LORD**, before the **new** court, 6 and said:

“O **LORD** God of our fathers, *are* You not **God in heaven**, and do You *not* rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in **Your hand** *is there not* power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You? 7 *Are* You not **our God**, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before **Your people Israel**, and gave it to the descendants of **Abraham Your friend** forever? 8 And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for **Your name**, saying, 9 [cf. 1Ki 8:23-53 || 2Ch 6:14-39; May 23]

‘If disaster comes upon us — sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine —

we will stand before this temple and in **Your presence** (for **Your name** is in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.’ 10 And now, here are the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir — whom You would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them — 11 here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of **Your possession** **that** You have given us to inherit. 12 O **our God**, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes *are* upon You.” 13 Now all **Judah**, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood **before the LORD**. 14 ¶ Then the Spirit of **the LORD** came upon Jahaziel [*“God-beheld”*] the son of Zechariah [*“YHWH remembers”*], the son of Benaiah [*“YHWH has built (up)”*], the son of Jeiel [*“God sweeps away”*], the son of Mattaniah [*“gift of YHWH”*], a Levite of the sons of Asaph [*“gatherer”*], in the midst of the assembly. 15

And he said, “Listen, all you of **Judah** and you inhabitants of **Jerusalem**, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says **the LORD** to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle *is* not yours, but God’s. 16 Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the **Ascent of Ziz** [*“flower”*], and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel [*“taught by God”*]. 17 You will not *need* to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, Stand still, and See the salvation of **the LORD**, who is with you, O **Judah** and **Jerusalem!**’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for **the LORD** is with you.” 18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all **Judah** and the inhabitants of **Jerusalem** bowed before **the LORD**, worshiping **the LORD**. 19 Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise **the LORD God of Israel** with voices loud and high.

20 ¶ So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of **Tekoa** [*“a stockade”*]; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, O **Judah** and you inhabitants of **Jerusalem**:

Believe [*trust*] in **the LORD your God**, and you shall be established; Believe [*trust*] **His prophets**, and you shall prosper.” 21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to **the LORD**, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: “Praise **the LORD**, For His mercy *endures* forever.” 22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, **the LORD** set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against **Judah**; and they were defeated. 23 For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy *them*. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another. 24 So when **Judah** came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there *were* their dead bodies, fallen on the land [earth]. No one had escaped. 25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three [3] days gathering the spoil

because there was so much. 26 And on the fourth [4th] day they assembled in the Valley of Berachah [*“blessing”*; near **Tekoa** (no map)], for there they **blessed the LORD**; therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah until this day. 27 Then they returned, every man of **Judah** and **Jerusalem**, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go back to **Jerusalem** with joy, for **the LORD** had made them rejoice over their enemies. 28 So they came to **Jerusalem**, with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets, to the house of the **LORD**. 29 And **the fear of God** was on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that **the LORD** had fought against the enemies of Israel. 30 Then the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him rest all around.

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