

THE PROCESS OF TIME KING ASA IN HIS 36-YEAR OF REIGN VICTORY OVER KING BAASHA COMPROMISE AND TREATY WITH THE ENEMY

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THE CONSEQUENCE OF COMPROMISE. King Asa was blessed by God for 35-years; there was no more war in His reign. In the “*process of time*” something happens in the 36-year of His reign, planned by God to test King Asa's heart and soul, his loyalty, his faith in God, and reliance on God at the covenant and oath he and the people took in the fifteenth year of his reign. What happened of warning and direction relevant today for the people of God?

WHAT HAPPENED OF WARNING AND DIRECTION RELEVANT TODAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD?:

- In the 36th-year, King Baasha of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to let no one go out or come in contact with King Asa of Judah. To pressure King Asa. Ramah was a high place, a strategic location used for both military and political purposes, specifically a fortified town that served as a choke point to disrupt trade and worship between the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah.
- King Asa took silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the Lord, and his house, and sent it to King Behadad of Syria of Damascus. To make a treaty with the enemy to join forces against King Baasha, to stop the completion of building Ramah. “***Do not make a treaty with the enemy, remain loyal to God, God's power prevails over all things.***”
- In the context of 2 Chronicles 16:5, this strategy worked, but it was not of God, and full reliance on God, the building ceased at Ramah, but the Lord God was watching. King Asa forgot about God.

THE REBUKE OF HANANI, SEER, PROPHET OF GOD TO KING ASA:

- The rebuke of Hanani, the seer, and Prophet of God, comes with a word of judgment from the Lord, letting him know, he did not rely on God, but relied on the King Syria, forgot about the great victory God gave him against the Ethiopians host of over one million and 300 chariots, and he forgot about the power of God.
- King Asa forgot about the covenant and oath made unto God, in the sight of God. He forgot to pray to God, to seek the Lord with his whole heart and soul, and he was reminded, “***For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole 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.***” (2 Chronicles 16:9).
- Instead of King Asa repenting, he became angry, put Hanani in prison because of the Word sent by the Lord. he begins to oppress the people in anger and rage. **Stay Strong, Stay Loyal to the Lord, Because He Is Watching!**
- King Asa in the 39th-year of his reign was diseased in his feet until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not the LORD or turn repenting to the Lord God, but to the physicians. He forgot about his covenant and oath. Those high places, kept him in a “*spiritual culture of sin and compromise*” to the intent to die not repenting or renewing covenant, relationship and fellowship with God.
- No matter how small or great an individual might be. Do not forsake God or cross God. Keep your covenant and oath to God, it is your life line. All the splendor, status, physicians, alliances, and etc. **You Will Not Out Do God!**

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