

THE EVALUATION OF KING ASA EFFORTS TO RESTORE RIGHT RELATIONSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

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KING ASA COMES OUT OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH. Before Asa reign, there was the death of King Solomon, which ended in him compromising covenant, idolatry of serving other gods, high place worship. And walking away and turned his heart from the Lord God, doing evil in his sight. King Solomon died, not repenting of his transgression against God, as his father King David (1 Kings Chapters 11 and 12). Rehoboam begins to reign, the son of King Solomon servant, as prophesied by God. The prophet Iddo, seer, prophesied by his visions, against Rehoboam, with Abijah the Shilonite to come forth (2 Chronicles 9:29-31). There was a time of war between Rehoboam representing the people of Israel and Abijah representing Judah (the tribe God reserved for the sake of King David to prevail covenant of the Christ to come out of his seed) relied upon the Lord God of their fathers. Rehoboam did not rely on the Lord, but their own strength, and their own way. In **“the process of time”** Rehoboam did not recover and died because the LORD struck him to bring forth King Asa the son of King Abijah. King Asa begins to reign after the death of King Abijah. During the start of his reign all the land of Judah and the cities had quiet and rest for 10 years. He did what was good and perfect in the sight of God.

THE REIGN OF KING ASA - THE CHALLENGES - WHAT DID HE BEGIN TO DO?:

- He took away the altars of strange gods, the high places (some), broke down the groves: And commanded Judah to serve the Lord God, do the law, and commandments of God, and turn back to right relationship and fellowship, worship, and seek the Lord for the presence of God dwelling amongst them.
- During this time of rest there was no war because they sought the Lord. King Asa begins to build fenced cities, walls, towers, gates, and bars in the cities throughout all of Judah and Benjamin; to fortify, because the Lord had given them rest on every side and they prospered.
- King Asa's army consisted of the mighty men of Valor, 300,000 out of Judah and 280,000 out of Benjamin. But, someone say, **“the process of time”** he fortified and multiplied the mighty men of Valor.
- In the later of the 10 years of quiet, rest, and building, Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with one million men of war and 300 chariots of war.
- King Asa went out courageous against the Ethiopian army and set the battle in the Valley of Zephath, meaning in Hebrew **“the watchtower”** or **“lookout”** a strategic location for battle, represents expectation, the place of faith in God, reliance on God, and the divine deliverance of God.
- King Asa did not go in his own strength, he remembers the Lord. He cries out to the Lord in battle with this pure and profound prayer, in the beginning of battle, **“And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God; let no man prevail against thee.”** (2 Chron 14:11). The Lord answered immediately. **“The Enemies, They Will Not Out Do God!”**
- The enemies in the one million and 300 chariots did not prevail against God or against Judah. The enemies could not recover because they were broken before the Lord. He struck them first. King Asa and the mighty men of Valor just finished the process, open by prayer and faith, the way the Lord ordained from sincere heart and prayer of cry.

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