

The Kings of Judah and Israel

LESSON #12 | God Gives Rest to King Asa

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1 Kings 15:9-14

9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah.

10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father.

12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

13 And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron.

14 But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days.

1. Jeroboam had seen the reign of 3 kings of Judah? Can you name the first three kings of Judah?

1. _____

2. _____

3. ____

2. We learnt last week that Abijah's mother's name was Maachah (1 Kings 15:2). In 1 Kings 15:10, we read that Asa's mother's name was Maachah. Which of the following options correctly explains this?

- In Hebrew, the title "mother" can sometimes refer to "grandmother". Therefore, Maachah was in fact the grandmother of Asa.
- The writer made a mistake in recording Asa's mother's name.

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3. From **1 Kings 15:13**, why was Maachah a wicked queen?

4. What did King Asa do well as a King?

- He took away the sodomites from Judah
- He removed all the idols which his father, Abijah, made
- He removed his grandmother, Maachah, from being the Queen
- He did not remove the high places (altars for idols)

2 Chronicles 14:1-7

1 So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

2 And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God:

3 For he took away the altars of the strange gods, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves:

4 And commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

6 And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest.

7 Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.

5. In the passage above, circle the words, "quiet" or "rest".

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6. We read that King Asa enjoyed two different kinds of rest:

(1) Rest from _____

(2) Rest from _____

7. Who gave Judah these rests? Write down the key phrase in **2 Chronicles 14:6** which tells us the cause of Judah's rest under King Asa's leadership.

8. This truth is reiterated in **Job 34:29**. Fill in the blank:

29 When he giveth _____, who then can make trouble?
and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him?
whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only:

9. The greatest rest God gives to Man is spiritual rest. Memorize this truth:

Matthew 11:28

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.