

# The Kings of Judah and Israel

LESSON #13 | King Asa's Reformation in Judah

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## **2 Chronicles 15:1-2**

**1** And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded:

**2** And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

1. From verse 2, write down one promise and one warning from God:

Promise:

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Warning:

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## **2 Chronicles 15:8**

**8** And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD.

2. From 2 Chron 15:8, what does it mean to 'take courage', or to be courageous for God?

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**9** And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the **strangers** with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: **for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.**

**10** So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

**11** And they offered unto the LORD the same time, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.

**12** And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;

**13** That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.

**14** And they swore unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.

**15** And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.

3. In verse 9, who do the "strangers" refer to?

- Unbelievers who worship idols and do not worship the God of Israel
- People of Israel who were unfamiliar to Judah and so they were strange looking to the people of Judah
- Israelites from the Northern Kingdom who came to the Southern Kingdom, Judah, because they saw the presence of God with King Asa and Judah.

4. Can Christians make oaths and vows unto the LORD as a commitment to worship Him alone and to serve Him faithfully?

**YES | NO**

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

**Psalms 50:14**

Offer unto God thanksgiving;  
and pay thy vows unto the most High: