



**The Kings  
of Israel**

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**Lesson #44**

# In our last study:

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Nadab reigned in Israel. (911 BC – 910 BC)

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Baasha reigned in Israel. (910 BC – 887 BC)

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Asa reigned in Judah. (912 BC – 872 BC)

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(912 BC – 872 BC)  
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In this  
study:

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## 2 Chronicles 15:7 (ESV)

*7 But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded.”*

## 2 Chronicles 14:1 (ESV)

*1 Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days the land had rest for ten years.*

# God delivered Asa & his army!

- 2 Chronicles 14:9 – 10 (ESV) (9 Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and 300 chariots, and came as far as Mareshah. 10 And Asa went out to meet him, and they drew up their lines of battle in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.)
- 2 Chronicles 14:11 (ESV) (11 And Asa cried to the LORD his God, “O LORD, there is none like you to help, between the mighty and the weak. Help us, O LORD our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this multitude. O LORD, you are our God; let not man prevail against you.”)
- 2 Chronicles 14:12 – 13 (ESV) (12 So the LORD defeated the Ethiopians before Asa and before Judah, and the Ethiopians fled. 13 Asa and the people who were with him pursued them as far as Gerar, and the Ethiopians fell until none remained alive, for they were broken before the LORD and his army. The men of Judah carried away very much spoil.)

## 2 Chronicles 15:19 (ESV)

*19 And there was no more war until the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa.*



1 Kings 15:16 (ESV)

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

Why?

## 2 Chronicles 16:1 (ESV)

*1 In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah and built Ramah, that he might permit no one to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.*

## 2 Chronicles 16:2 – 3 (ESV)

*2 Then Asa took silver and gold from the treasures of the house of the LORD and the king's house and sent them to Benhadad king of Syria, who lived in Damascus, saying, 3 “There is a covenant between me and you, as there was between my father and your father. Behold, I am sending to you silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha king of Israel, that he may withdraw from me.”*

## 2 Chronicles 16:7 – 8 (ESV)

*7 At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, “Because you relied on the king of Syria, and did not rely on the LORD your God, the army of the king of Syria has escaped you. 8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Libyans a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied on the LORD, he gave them into your hand.*

## 2 Chronicles 16:9 (ESV)

*9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars.”*

## 2 Chronicles 16:10 (ESV)

*10 Then Asa was angry with the seer and put him in the stocks in prison, for he was in a rage with him because of this. And Asa inflicted cruelties upon some of the people at the same time.*

## 2 Chronicles 16:12 – 13 (ESV)

*12 In the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet, and his disease became severe. Yet even in his disease he did not seek the LORD, but sought help from physicians. 13 And Asa slept with his fathers, dying in the forty-first year of his reign.*



## 2 Chronicles 16:14 (ESV)

*14 They buried him in the tomb that he had cut for himself in the city of David. They laid him on a bier that had been filled with various kinds of spices prepared by the perfumer's art, and they made a very great fire in his honor.*

The image features three glass chess pieces on a white surface. In the center is a king piece with a cross-shaped top. To its left is a pawn piece with a rounded top. To its right is another pawn piece, also with a rounded top. The pieces are made of clear glass and are slightly out of focus, with soft shadows cast on the surface below them. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

In our next study, we will continue  
examining the period of the divided  
Kingdom!