

2 Chronicles 14:1-2 (NLT)

When Abijah died... ..his son Asa became the next king. There was peace in the land for ten years. ² Asa did what was pleasing and good in the sight of the LORD his God.

2 Chronicles 14:3 (NLT)

He removed the foreign altars and the pagan shrines. He smashed the sacred pillars and cut down the Asherah poles.

2 Chronicles 14:4 (NLT)

He commanded the people of Judah to seek the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and to obey his law and his commands.

2 Chronicles 14:5 (NLT)

Asa also removed the pagan shrines, as well as the incense altars from every one of Judah's towns. So Asa's kingdom enjoyed a period of peace.

2 Chronicles 14:6 (NLT)

During those peaceful years, he was able to build up the fortified towns throughout Judah.

No one tried to make war against him at this time, for the LORD was giving him rest from his enemies.

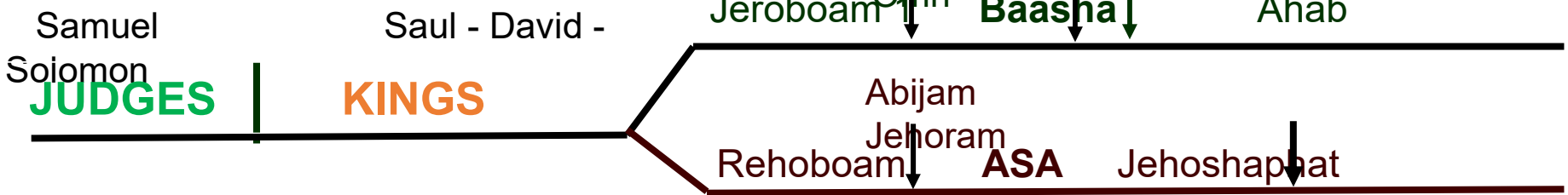
Starting WELL
Finishing BADLY

2 Chronicles 14-16

Did they...

- Worship the God of Israel **ALONE**?
- Purge Israel of **IDOLATRY**?
- Remain **FAITHFUL** to the Covenant?



Israel - Northern Kingdom



Judah - Southern Kingdom

Asa did what was GOOD in God's Eyes...

- **REMOVED** pagan Altars
- **REMOVED** High Places
- **SMASHED** sacred pillars
- **CUT DOWN** Asherah poles
- **REMOVED** the Incense Altars

-  Zerah's forces attack
-  Asa's forces march out to meet Zerah's forces
-  Zerah's forces flee



Asa Prayed...

- No one but You can **HELP** us
- **HELP US** for we Trust You **ALONE**
- It is in You **NAME** we have come
- Don't let **MERE** men **PREVAIL**

O LORD, **NO ONE** but **YOU** can **help the powerless...** Help us for **we trust in YOU Alone...**
You are our God don't let mere men
overcome You... we represent You

Psalm 61:1–4 (NLT)

¹ O God, listen to my cry! Hear my prayer! ² From the ends of the earth, I cry to You for help when my heart is **OVERWHELMED**. Lead me to the towering rock of **SAFETY**

Psalm 61:1–4 (NLT)

³ for **You** are my safe refuge, a fortress where my enemies cannot reach me. ⁴ Let me live forever in Your sanctuary, **SAFE** beneath the shelter of your wings!

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul
Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul
Oh my God, I trust in Thee,
Let me not be ashamed
Let not mine enemies triumph over me

Yea, let none that wait on Thee be ashamed
Yea, let none that wait on Thee be ashamed
Oh my God, I trust in Thee
Let me not be ashamed
Let not mine enemies triumph over me

Show me Thy ways, Thy ways Oh Lord
Teach me Thy paths, Thy paths Oh Lord
Oh my God, I trust in Thee,
Let me not be ashamed
Let not mine enemies triumph over me

Remember not the sins of my youth
Remember not the sins of my youth
Oh my God, I trust in Thee
Let me not be ashamed
Let not mine enemies triumph over me

¹² Then they entered into a **COVENANT**
to **SEEK** the **LORD**,
the God of their ancestors,
with **ALL** their heart and soul...

Romans 8:31–39 (NIV)

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to this? **If God is for us,** who can be against us?

³² He who **did not spare His own Son,**
but gave Him up for us all –
how will He not also, along with Him,
graciously give us ALL things?

³³ Who will bring any charge against those
whom God has chosen?

It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who is he that condemns? **Christ Jesus**,
who **died**- more than that, who was **raised** to life-
is **at the right hand of God** and is
also **interceding for us.**

³⁵ Who shall **separate** us from the **love** of **Christ**? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

³⁶ As it is written: “**For Your sake**
we face death all day long;
we are **considered** as sheep
to be **slaughtered.**”

³⁷ No, in **ALL THESE THINGS**
we are **MORE** than **CONQUERORS**
through **Him** who **loved** us.

38 **For I am convinced** that
neither **death** nor **life**, neither **angels** nor
demons, neither the **present** nor the **future**,
nor ANY powers,

³⁹ neither **height** nor **depth**, nor anything else
in **all creation**, will be able to separate us
from the **LOVE of God**
that is **IN** Christ Jesus our Lord.