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King Asa (2 Chr 14-16, 1 Ki 15:9-24)

Kings of Judah

Rehoboam 930-913 17yrs

Abijah 913-910BC 3yrs

Asa 910-869BC 41 yrs

Jehoshaphat 872-848 25yrs

Kings of Israel

Jeroboam 1 930-909 22 yrs

Nadab 909-908BC 2yrs

Baasha 908-886BC 24 yrs

Elah 886-885BC 2 yrs

Zimri 885BC 7days

Tibni 885-880BC 5 yrs

Omri 885-874BC 12yrs

Ahab 874-853BC 22yrs

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- Did good and right in the sight of God
- Removed the pagan altars
- Commanded a return to God – Revival!
- 10 years of peace – God gave him rest.
- Built fortified cities
- Defeated the Ethiopian army of 1,000,000 men and 300 chariots with a much smaller army – plus God!
- Obtained riches as a result of the victory
- Listened to prophet Azariah and restored temple worship. Ongoing revival!
- Deposed the evil queen mother Maacah & got rid of her occult practices.
- No more war for 25yrs.

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- After 35yrs attacked by King Baasha of Israel
- Asa buys support from King Ben-hadad of Aram (Syria)
- Ben-hadad betrays King Baasha and defeats him
- Judah is saved!
- BUT:
- Prophet Hanani rebukes Asa for not relying on God.
- Asa imprisons Hanani
- Period of peace ends with wars
- Asa becomes seriously ill but turns to doctors rather than God.

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- King Asa became self reliant, not God reliant
 - I can do this.
 - I don't need God
 - I have the means to do it
 - Look – I succeeded!
 - Fear
 - Unbelief
 - Self – Reliance
 - Pride
 - The end does not justify the means.
- Even though King Asa succeeded by buying victory in this war, he could not succeed in buying his own healing.

“Lebab Shalem” (2 Chr 16:9a AKJV)

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.

Hebrew “Lebab Shalem” = “wholeheartedly devoted (as in a covenant)”

שְׁלֵם לִבָּב

“Lebab Shalem” (1 Ki 8:61 NASB)

King Solomon:

Let your heart therefore be wholly devoted to (*lit. complete with*) the Lord our God, to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments, as at this day.

God:

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Pride (James 4:5-7 NASB)

Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: “He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us”? But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble*.”

Submit therefore to God.

Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

**Prov 3:34*

Rhema

My children do not strive and thereby build up your self confidence. Trust Me and build your confidence in Me. I am totally trustworthy. I have all power. Nothing is impossible for Me, and without Me you can do nothing in My kingdom.

So bring to Me all those things you have kept from Me. Share your burdens with Me. You were not created to bear them alone, but to rely on Me. Set aside your fear and your distrust of Me. Set aside your pride. Return to your first love and sing and dance with Me. Allow My joy to fill you to overflowing, for in it is your strength.

Pride, Prayer, Presence, Purpose, Power

- Bassenfell – Mar 17-19
- Prayer @ CCF
1930-2100 Mar 15
0630-0830, 1830-2030 Mar 21,28 Apr 4,11
- Easter Sunday Celebration Apr 16
- Prayer @ CCF
1930-2100 Apr 19, May 17, Jun 21
- Open worship meetings Apr 23 – Jun 4 (Pentecost)