

# II Chronicles 10-20

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Historical Books II  
Lecture #27

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## Chapter 10

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Rehoboam Splits the Kingdom

# Rehoboam

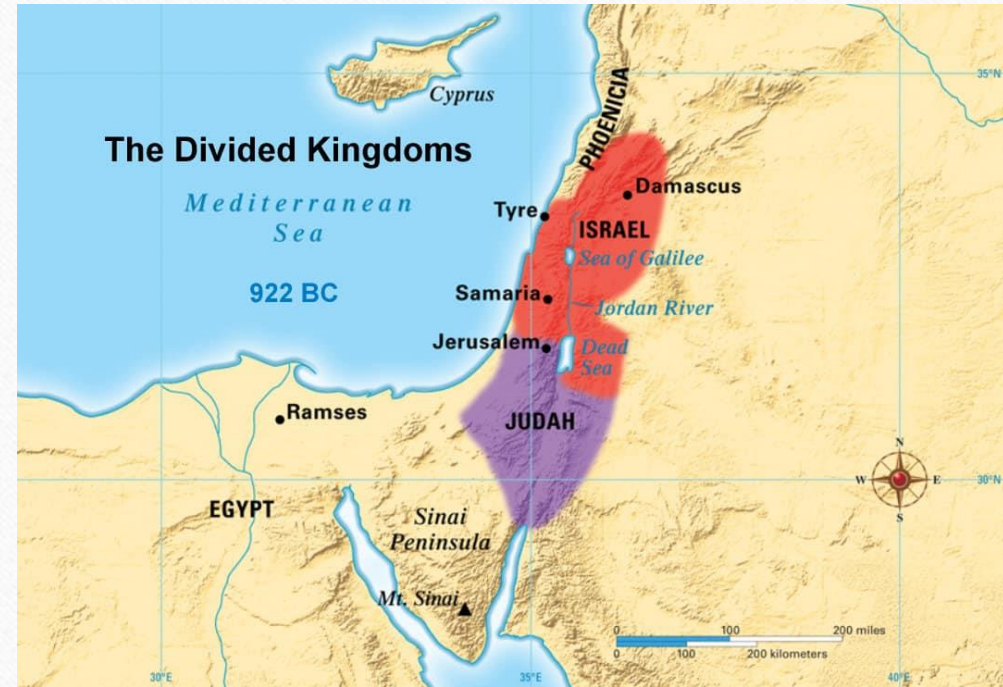
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- The account in this chapter is nearly the same as in I Kings 12.
- Rehoboam dismisses the complaints of the Northern Tribes.
- The Northern Tribes rebel and make Jeroboam their king.

# “unto this day”

- 2 Chronicles 10:19 - “And Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.”
- *But there is no more Divided Kingdom after the Captivity?*
- Like in 5:9, this shows Ezra accurately quoting from his source material.



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## Chapter 11

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Rehoboam's Reign

# War Averted

- Rehoboam prepares for war by gathering 180,000 troops from Judah and Benjamin.
- The prophet Shemaiah stops the attack from happening.
- Rehoboam instead focuses on strengthening his defenses.



# The Defection of Levi

- As Jeroboam implemented his corrupted calf worship, most of the tribe of Levi leave their homes and defect to the Southern Kingdom.
- This is a dramatic spiritual shift that may be the costliest error of Jeroboam.



# Rehoboam's Family

- Rehoboam follows David's and Solomon's examples and takes many wives.
- Some of these wives are also from Jesse/David's family, probably to strengthen his claims to the throne.
- He disburses his many sons in various cities to govern.





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Egypt Attacks

# Apostasy

- Rehoboam also follows Solomon's example by turning from God later in his reign.
- God sends judgment via an invasion by Egypt.



# Invasion!

- Shishak (Shoshenq?) invades with 1,200 chariots, 60,000 horseman, and a coalition of other nations.
- Shemaiah declares defeat as God's judgment.
- The king and leaders repent.
- Instead of being conquered, Shishak spoils Jerusalem.
  - Including golden shields that Rehoboam replaces with brass copies.



# Rehoboam's Reign

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- Reigns 17 years, dies at age 58.
- His son Abijam/Abijah inherits the throne.



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Abijah's Reign

# Abijah / Abijam

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- Is barely covered in Kings.
- Leads a campaign against Israel.



# Battle of Zemaraim

- 400,000 men of Judah
- 800,000 men of Israel
- Abijah defies Jeroboam.
- Jeroboam surrounds Abijah.
- The priests blow trumpets and the people shout.
- Judah wins a decisive victory.



# Fallout from Zemaraim

- 500,000 men of Israel killed.
- Israel is subdued.
- Judah gains territory.
- Jeroboam is weakened and no longer a threat.





# Abijah's Death

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- Though he reigned only three years, he had 14 wives, 22 sons, and 16 daughters.
- Reese calculates him to be 36 at his death.
- He is succeeded by Asa.

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*Asa's Reign*

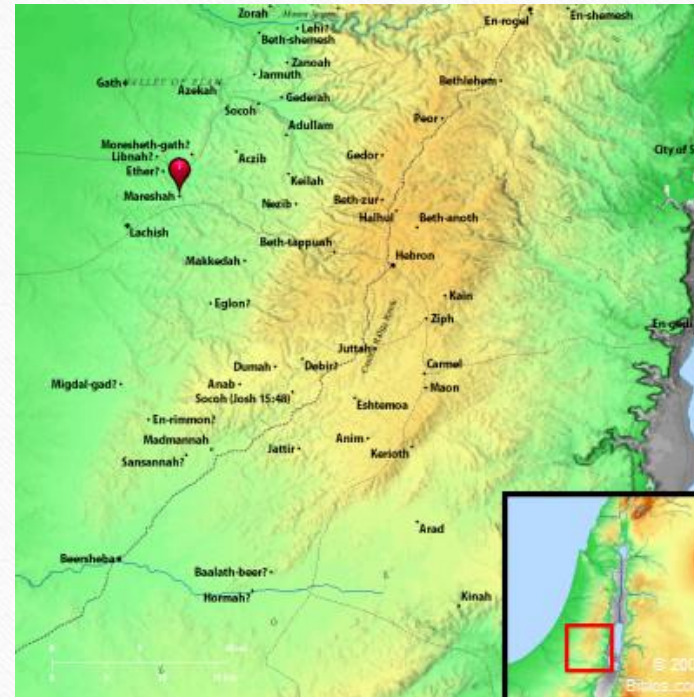
# Asa

- Asa's reign begins with 10 years of peace.
- Asa is a good king that leads Judah to serve God and destroy its idols.
- He fortifies his kingdom during the peace.



# Battle of Mareslah

- Asa's forces: 300,000 spearmen from Judah and 280,000 archers from Benjamin.
- Zerah's forces: 1,000,000 men and 300 chariots.
- Asa cries out to God and God gives them the victory.



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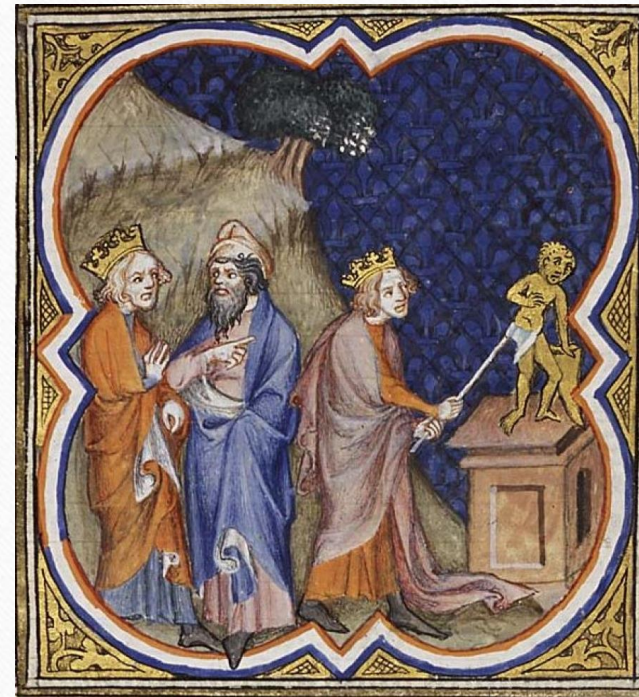
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*Asa's Reforms*

# Prophetic Warning

- Following the victory at Mareshah, the prophet Azariah warns Asa to not grow complacent.
- This spurs Asa to promote true worship and abolish idolatry



# Reforms

- Asa leads the people in a revival.
- A great feast (Pentecost?) is kept with many sacrifices.
- They zealously proclaim that those that did not follow God should be put to death.
- Idolatry is purged from the land.
- But the high places remained.



# Peace

- 2 Chronicles 15:19 - “And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.”
- This refers to wars with foreign powers, not skirmishes with Israel.





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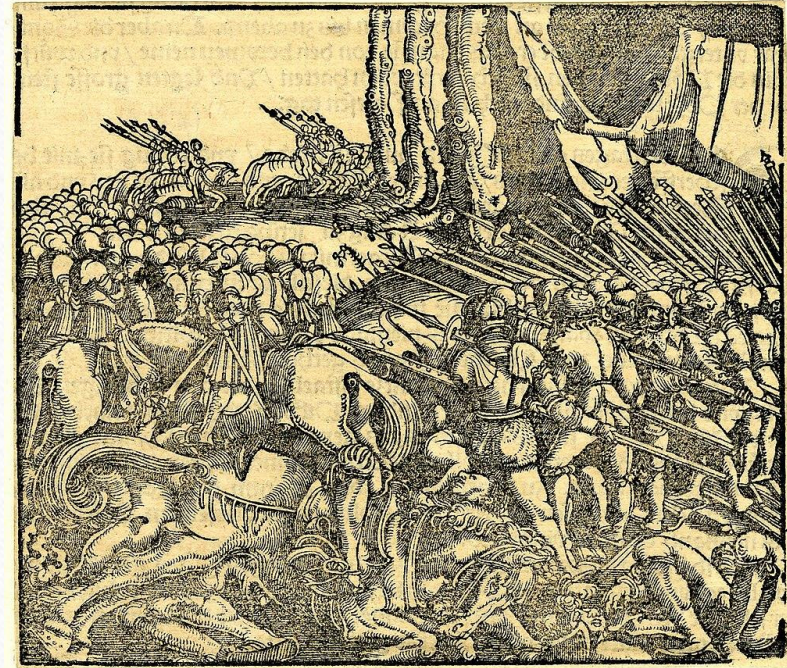
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*Asa's Battles*

# Battle over Ramah

- Baasha and Israel had taken and fortified Ramah.
- Asa hires Syrian mercenaries to aid him.
- Baasha turns to fight the Syrians and Asa retakes Ramah.

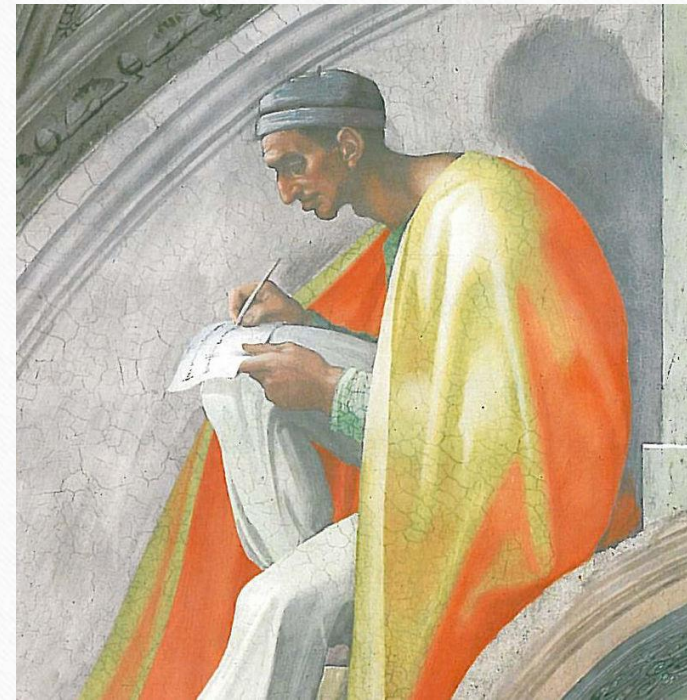


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# Prophetic Warning

- After the victory at Ramah, the prophet Hanani confronts Asa.
- His message is that Asa should have trusted God and not foreign powers.
- Because of this he would have more wars.
- Asa throws Hanani in prison and others who opposed him.



# Asa's Final Days

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- Asa had a good start but a poor finish.
- The last years of his reign he is crippled by a disease in his feet.
- A great funeral is held for him.
- His son Jehoshaphat succeeds him.



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## Chapter 17

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Jehoshaphat's Good Reign

# Carroll on Jehoshaphat 1

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- (1) 'He walked in the first ways of his father David'
- (2) 'He sought not unto
- (3) The record tells us that he refused to find in Israel an example for his people... the Baalim-Baal and Ashtoreth.
- (4) The record says that his heart was lifted up in the ways of Jehovah.
- (5) In such a spirit and zeal there could be no compromise

# Carroll on Jehoshaphat 2



- (6) He made abundant and systematic provision for the instruction of the people of God in the Pentateuch
- (7) He established a graded judicial system for the determination and enforcement of civil, criminal, and ecclesiastical law
- (8) He did not isolate himself from his people, living luxuriously in a palace and leaving subordinates to watch over the affairs of the kingdom.
- (9) He organized and trained a vast militia corps, or war reserve

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Jehoshaphat and Ahab



# Ahab and Jehoshaphat

- Jehoshaphat allies with Ahab.
- This is deeper than a single military campaign.
- The two houses intermarry, and a very tangled alliance develops.



# Prophecy and Battle

- Michaiah gives a true prophecy vs. the lies of Ahab's prophets.
- Ahab is killed in the battle, but Jehoshaphat is spared when he cries out to God.



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## Chapter 19

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Jehoshaphat's Government

# Short Chapter...

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- The prophet Jehu rebukes Jehoshaphat for allying with Ahab.
- Jehoshaphat organizes his administration.

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Invasion by Moab-Ammon

# Moab-Ammon Invasion

- An alliance of Moab, Ammon, and Edom(?) invade from the south.
- Jehoshaphat and Judah turn to God.
- Jehoshaphat offers a public prayer.
- Jehaziel prophesies of a victory to come.



# Preemptive Praise

- The army marches south led by a company of singers praising God.
- As Judah approaches their enemy, they begin to turn on each other.
- Victory is won without a battle and great spoils gathered.



# Jehoshaphat's Mistakes

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- His two great mistakes:
  - Allying with the house of Ahab.
  - Not eradicating idolatry.
- He attempted a commercial shipping venture with Ahaziah.
  - The prophet Eliezer prophesies that the ships would be destroyed.





Next Week...

The Decline and Fall of Judah