

1 KINGS 15
REIGN OF KING ASA OF JUDAH (South)

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931-913	Rehoboam	Evil	Shemaiah
913-911	Abijah/Abijam	Evil	
911-870	Asa	GOOD	Azariah Hanani
870-848	Jehoshaphat	GOOD	
848-841	Jehoram	Evil	
841	Ahaziah	Evil	
841-835	Athaliah (Queen)	Evil	
835-796	Joash	Good/Evil	Joel
796-767	Amaziah	Good/Evil	
767-740	Uzziah	Good/Evil	
740-732	Jotham	GOOD	Isaiah Micah
732-716	Ahaz	Evil	
716-687	Hezekiah	GOOD	
687-642	Mannaseh	Evil	
642-640	Amon	Evil	
640-608	Josiah	GOOD	Zephaniah Habakkuk Jeremiah Ezekiel
608	Jehoahaz	Evil	
608-597	Jehoiakim	Evil	
597	Jehoiachin	Evil	
597-586	Zedekiah	Evil	
Judah into Babylonian Captivity 586 BC			

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931-910	Jeroboam I	Evil	Abijah
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885	Zimri	Evil	Micaiah Elijah
885-874	Omri	Evil	
874-853	Ahab	Evil	
853-852	Ahaziah	Evil	Elisha
852-841	Joram	Evil	
841-814	Jehu	Good/Evil	
814-798	Jehohaz	Evil	
798-782	Jehoash	Evil	
782-753	Jeroboam II	Evil	Amos Hosea Jonah
753-752	Zechariah	Evil	
752	Shallum	Evil	
752-742	Menahem	Evil	
742-740	Pekahiah	Evil	
733-722	Pekah	Evil	
732-722	Hoshea	Evil	
Israel into Assyrian Captivity in 722			

Judah: Lasted 350 years (20 kings, 1 family)

Israel: Lasted 200 years (20 kings; 9 families)

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Asa Reigns in Judah

⁹In the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Asa began to reign over Judah, ¹⁰and he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. ¹¹And Asa did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as David his father had done. ¹²He put away the male cult prostitutes out of the land and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. ¹³He also removed Maacah his mother from being queen mother because she had made an abominable image for Asherah. And Asa cut down her image and burned it at the brook Kidron. ¹⁴But the high places were not taken away. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was wholly true to the LORD all his days. ¹⁵And he brought into the house of the LORD the sacred gifts of his father and his own sacred gifts, silver, and gold, and vessels.

Dangerous progression in a spiritual slide:

Tolerance of Sin → Disobedience → Fall into Apostasy

“Idolatry is not just a failure to obey God, it is a setting of the whole heart on something besides God.”
 Tim Keller, Counterfeit gods

Security
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 Significance

On what is my heart set?

1. If set on something false... and I live in/around that lie.....I'll **TOLERATE** it:
2. That leads me to **DISOBEY** God
3. Then I'm on a path to **FALL** in big ways

Question: How do I smash an idol in my life?

Answer: I **REPLACE** it

- Jesus must become more beautiful to my heart & imagination than the other
- Start with **REPENTANCE & GRATITUDE** (joy)

2 Chronicles 14: 9-15

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. 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.” 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. ¹⁴ And they attacked all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of the LORD was upon them. They plundered all the cities, for there was much plunder in them. ¹⁵ And they struck down the tents of those who had livestock and carried away sheep in abundance and camels. Then they returned to Jerusalem.

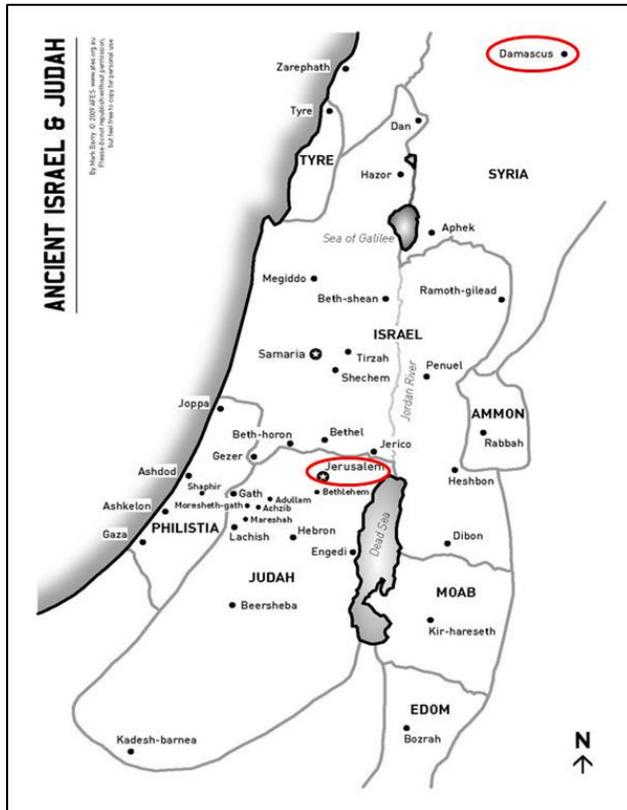
Why was God pleased?

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1 KINGS 15:16-24

¹⁶ And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD and the treasures of the king's house and gave them into the hands of his servants. And King Asa sent them to Ben-hadad the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, who lived in **Damascus**, saying, ¹⁹ "Let there be a



covenant between me and you, as there was between my father and your father. Behold, I am sending to you a present of silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha king of Israel, that he may withdraw from me." ²⁰ And Ben-hadad listened to King Asa and sent the commanders of his armies against the cities of Israel and conquered Ijon, Dan, Abel-beth-maacah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali. ²¹ And when Baasha heard of it, he stopped building Ramah, and he lived in Tirzah. ²² Then King Asa made a proclamation to all Judah, none was exempt, and they carried away the stones of Ramah and its timber, with which Baasha had been building, and with them King Asa built Geba of

Benjamin and Mizpah.

²³ Now the rest of all the acts of Asa, all his might, and all that he did, and the cities that he built, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? But in his old age he was diseased in his feet. ²⁴ And Asa slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father, and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.

2 CHRONICLES 16: 7-13

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. 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." 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.

¹¹ The acts of Asa, from first to last, are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel. 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. 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.

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Nadab Reigns in Israel

²⁵ Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he reigned over Israel two years. ²⁶ He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin which he made Israel to sin.

²⁷ Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him. And Baasha struck him down at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines, for Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon. ²⁸ So Baasha killed him in the third year of Asa king of Judah and reigned in his place. ²⁹ And as soon as he was king, he killed all the house of Jeroboam. He left to the house of Jeroboam not one that breathed, until he had destroyed it, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite. ³⁰ It was for the sins of Jeroboam that he sinned

and that he made Israel to sin, and because of the anger to which he provoked the LORD, the God of Israel.

¹⁰ therefore behold, I will bring harm upon the house of Jeroboam and will cut off from Jeroboam every male, both bond and free in Israel, and will burn up the house of Jeroboam, as a man burns up dung until it is all gone. ¹¹ Anyone belonging to Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone who dies in the open country the birds of the heavens shall eat, for the LORD has spoken it.” **1 Kings 14: 10-11**

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Baasha Reigns in Israel

³³ In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Baasha the son of Ahijah began to reign over all Israel at Tirzah, and he reigned twenty-four years. ³⁴ He did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and walked in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin which he made Israel to sin.

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931-910	Jeroboam I	Evil	Perverted worship of God	Abijah
910-909	Nadab	Evil	Son of Jeroboam; killed by rebel Baasha	
909-886	Baasha	Evil	Built wall to cut off trade w/ Jerusalem	Jehu
886-885	Elah	Evil	Son of Baasha, killed while drunk by Zimri	
885	Zimri	Evil	Committed suicide after ruling 7 days	Micaiah Elijah
885-874	Omri	Evil	Builder of Samaria	
874-853	Ahab	Evil	Son of Omri, wicked husband of Jezebel; condemned by Elijah; killed in Battle	

We hope, somehow, that our sin (individually & nationally) won't lead us into tragedy.