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Chapter 15

(1) Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat {3160 A.H./C-882 B.C.} Abijam reigned over Judah.^a

(2) Three years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.

(3) And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD {Jehovah} his God, as the heart of David his father.

(4) Nevertheless for David's sake the LORD {Jehovah} his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

(5) Because David did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}, and did not turn aside from *anything* that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

(6) And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life.

(7) Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam.

(8) And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his place.

(9) And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel {3162 A.H./C-880 B.C.} Asa reigned over Judah.

(10) And forty-one years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom.^b

(11) And Asa did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD {Jehovah}, as *did* David his father.

(12) And he took away the sodomites {homosexuals} out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

(13) And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from *being* queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt *it* by the brook Kidron.

(14) But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD {Jehovah} all his days.

(15) And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which he himself had dedicated, into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, silver, and gold, and vessels.

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

(17) And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not allow any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.^c

15:1a – II Chr. 13:1; 14:1 - Abijam dies after 3 years; Asa his son begins reign [3162 A.H./C- 880 B.C.] – see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

15:10b – I Ki. 22:41; II Chr. 17:1

15:17c – II Chr. 16:1

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(18) Then Asa took all the silver and the gold *that were* left in the treasures of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria,^d who lived at Damascus, saying,

(19) *There is* a league {alliance} between me and you, *and* between my father and your father: See, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold; come and break your league {alliance} with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

(20) So Benhadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of the army which he had against the cities of Israel, and struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abelbethmaachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

(21) And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *of it*, that he left off building of Ramah, and lived in Tirzah.

(22) Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah; no one *was* exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha had built; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

(23) The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of 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 {3204 A.H./C- 838 B.C.}.

(25) And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah {3164 A.H./C- 878 B.C.},^e and reigned over Israel two years.

(26) And he did evil in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he caused Israel to sin.

(27) And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines; because Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon.

(28) Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah {3165 A.H./C- 877 B.C.} Baasha killed him {Nadab}, and reigned in his place.^f

15:18d – II Chr. 16:2

15:25e - Nadab, Jeroboam's son begins reign over Israel in 2nd year of Asa, king of Judah [3164 A.H./C- 878 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)

15:28f - Baasha kills Nadab and begins reign over Israel in 3rd year of Asa king of Judah's reign [3165 A.H./C- 877 B.C.] – see [Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History](#)