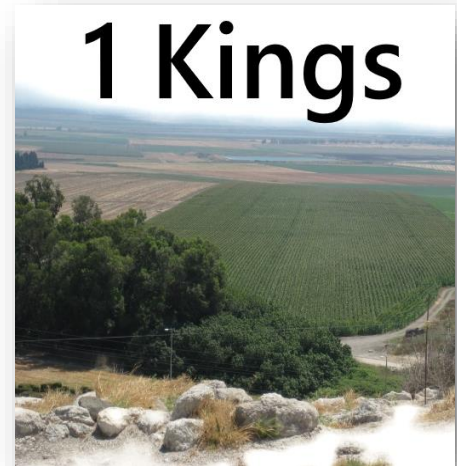


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The Bible is so interesting; even the Old Testament. Isn't its historic record, so predictable as the 12 tribes, so highly blessed above all the nations of the earth; blessed with the presence of the Lord willing to lead. Yet in their despicable greed, they resented one another, instead of remembering they were family. Remember: when reading the 1st and 2nd Chronicles... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 2 tribes of the **Southern Kingdom**, the House of **Judah**; and when reading 1st and 2nd Kings... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 10 tribes of the **Northern Kingdom**, the house of **Israel** – led by **Ephraim** and **Manasseh** who carried with them all the nationalistic birthright promises given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – and to their descendants even in the 21st century.



Abijam's wicked reign over Judah,

¹ Now in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijam reigned over Judah / it's interesting how both the northern and southern kingdoms competed to be the most corrupt.

² He reigned three years in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Maacah, the granddaughter of Absalom / obviously the guy was a loser, and the Lord said, you're out of here!

³ And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he committed before him: and his heart was not wholly with the LORD his God, like the heart of his father David.

⁴ But for the sake of David, the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to raise up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

⁵ because David did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and did not turn aside from anything He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the case 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 he did, are they not written in the Book of 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, Asa reigned over Judah.

¹⁰ And he reigned forty-one years in Jerusalem. And the name of his grandmother was Maacah, the granddaughter of Absalom.

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¹¹ **And Asa did what was right in the sight of the LORD,** like David his father.

¹² And he took away the **male-prostitutes** from the land, and removed all the **idols** that the fathers made.

¹³ And he also removed Maacah his grandmother from being queen, because she made an image as an Asherah. Asa cut down her image, and burned it at the brook Kidron.

¹⁴ **But the high places were not removed:** however the heart of Asa was wholly devoted to the LORD all his days.

¹⁵ And he brought into the house of the LORD the dedicated items of his father, and his own dedicated items: silver and gold utensils.

¹⁶ Now there was war between Asa and Baasha king of **Israel** all their days.

¹⁷ And Baasha king of **Israel** went up against **Judah**, and fortified Ramah, that he might prevent anyone going out or coming in to King Asa of **Judah**.

¹⁸ Then Asa took all the silver and gold that was left in the treasuries of the house of the LORD, and the treasuries of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants. And King Asa sent them to Benhadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, who lived in Damascus, saying,

¹⁹ Let there be a treaty between me and you, and between my father and your father: behold, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold; go, break your treaty with Baasha king of **Israel**, that he will withdraw from me.

²⁰ So Benhadad listened to King Asa, and sent commanders of the armies against the cities of **Israel**, and attacked Ijon, Dan, and Abel-beth-maacah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

²¹ And it happened, when Baasha heard it, he ceased fortifying Ramah, and stayed 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, which Baasha built; and King Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

²³ Now the rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all he did, and the cities that he built, are they not written in the Book of Chronicles of the Kings of **Judah**? But 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 / Asa reigned 15 years; 10 years of peace.

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²⁵ Now Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over **Israel** in the second year of King Asa of **Judah**, and he reigned over **Israel** two years.

²⁶ **And he did 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 Then Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha attacked him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all **Israel** laid siege to Gibbethon.

²⁸ So Baasha killed him in the third year of King Asa of **Judah**, and reigned in his place.

²⁹ And it happened, when he began to reign, he attacked all the household of Jeroboam. He did not leave to Jeroboam anyone alive; he destroyed them, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke through His servant Ahijah of Shiloh:

³⁰ and also because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made **Israel** sin, because of his incitement with which he incited the LORD God of **Israel** to anger.

³¹ Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all he did, are they not written in the Book of Chronicles of the Kings of **Israel**? / and much like so many of our politicians and leaders in our genius 21st century, whatever Nadab actually did was not worth remembering.

³² And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of **Israel** all their days.

³³ In the third year of King Asa of **Judah**, Baasha the son of Ahijah began to reign over all **Israel** at Tirzah, and reigned twenty-four years.

³⁴ **And he did 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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