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- Jeroboam died two years into the reign of Asa. 1 Kings 14:19-20
- Jeroboam's son Nadab then reigned for two years in the Northern Kingdom. 1 Kings 15:25-26

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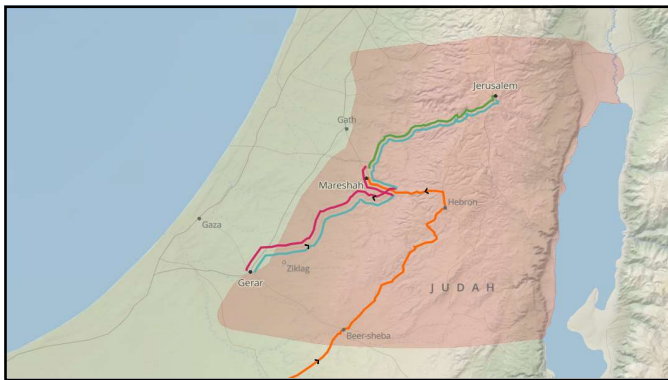
- God provided a 10-year period of peace. 2 Chronicles 14:1-8
 - Removed the expressions of idol worship
 - Turned Judah back to following Yahweh
 - Built up fortified cities and outfitted them with armaments and soldiers

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- Zerah the Ethiopian came against Judah with a million men and 300 chariots. 2 Chronicles 14:9-15
 - Asa cried out to Yahweh for deliverance.
 - God gave them the victory over this overwhelming force.

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 - A reminder of the consistent message that God stands with those who take their stand with Him and opposes those who oppose Him.

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 - A reminder of the distress God's people had endured in their times of rebellion
 - Encouragement to give diligence to following God

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 - Rid the land of idols
 - Repaired the altar of burnt offering
 - Sacrificed to Yahweh and made a binding covenant that all would give exclusive allegiance to Him

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 - Deposed his own mother for making an idolatrous image
 - Enjoyed peace until his 35th year as king

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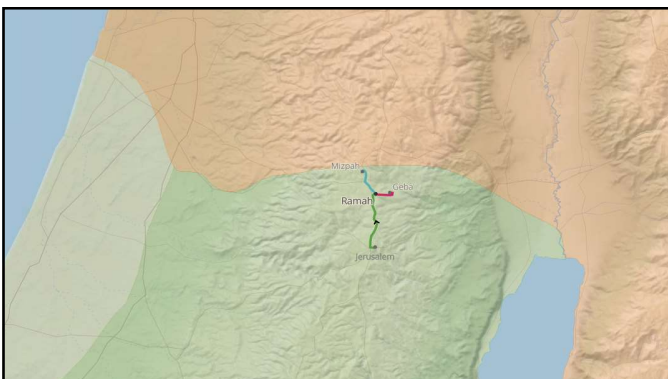
- Asa reacted to Baasha king of Israel's aggression by seeking an alliance with Ben-hadad king of Syria. 2 Chronicles 16:1-10
 - Baasha reacted to the people going from the Northern Kingdom to Jerusalem to worship by fortifying Ramah.
 - Asa paid a heavy tribute to Ben-hadad of Syria to establish a covenant between them so he would invade the northern areas of the Northern Kingdom to make Baasha redirect his attention.

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 - Ben-hadad accepted the overture and the plan seemed to work.
 - Asa took all the building material from Ramah and built two cities with it.

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 - Another prophet, Hanani, came with God's message rebuking Asa for his trust in Ben-hadad rather than trusting in God as he had done when threatened by the Ethiopians.
 - Asa responded to God's message by punishing Hanani and inflicting cruelties on other people.

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- The last two years of Asa's reign 2 Chronicles 16:11-14
 - Asa was afflicted by a serious disease in his lower body
 - He did not seek God's help for his affliction
 - Died in the 41st year of his reign
 - Buried with elaborate preparation and ceremony

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Lessons

- Regardless of past precedent or example, each of us have the opportunity to establish a new heritage of obedience to God.
- Take full advantage of the times of peace and prosperity to grow strong.
- Trust in the clear direction of God is always the most reasonable course of action.
- Neglect of God's Word inevitably leads to distress.

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- Celebrate the victories.
- Rejection of God has serious consequences.
- Obedience to God must be complete.
- Sinful and clever actions can accomplish our purposes but cannot escape God's judgment.
