

**1 Kings 15:1-24 & 2 Chronicles 13 - 16**  
**Abijah & Asa, Kings of Judah**  
**Lesson 10**

The writer of Kings alternates telling the accounts of the kings of Israel with the kings of Judah. The first three kings of Judah-- Rehoboam, Abijah (also referred to by his personal name of Abijam) and Asa-- would set the pattern for the royal line of David. Some kings were righteous, other were not. Each would be measured against their father, King David.

**Abijah - King of Judah**

1. Jeroboam was still king of Israel when Abijah succeeded his father Rehoboam on the throne of Judah. How long did Abijah reign? (1 Kings 15:1,2 & 2 Chronicles 13:1,2)
2. The writer tells us the civil war between the north and the south continued on throughout their reigns. 2 Chronicles 13 describes one of the battles in more detail. How many men were involved on each side? (2 Chronicles 13:3)

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3. What strategy did Abijah use? (2 Chronicles 13:4)
4. What did he tell Jeroboam and the men of Israel the problem was that existed between them? (2 Chronicles 13:5-11)
5. What was Abijah's "bottom line"? (2 Chronicles 13:12)
6. While Abijah was giving his speech, what was Jeroboam doing? (2 Chronicles 13:13)
7. What was the outcome of the battle? (2 Chronicles 13:14-17 & 19, 20a)

8. What was the writer's commentary on that battle? (2 Chronicles 13:18)
  
9. After looking at just this battle, we may not see what God saw. From 1 Kings 15:3-5, how did God view the reign of Abijah?
  
10. What final information is given about Abijah? (1 Kings 15:6-8 & 2 Chronicles 13:21-14:1a)

Fill in **The Kings of Israel & Judah Chart** on Abijah.

**Asa - King of Judah**

11. Before any detailed information was given about king Asa, his life was summarized. What was said about him in 2 Chronicles 14:2 & 1 Kings 15:9-11?
  
12. Finally, a breath of fresh air in Judah's history! 2 Chronicles 14:1 said the nation had peace for 10 years. List the changes Asa made during that time.  
(2 Chronicles 14:3-8; 15:16-18 & 1 Kings 15:12-15)
  
13. After 10 peaceful years, Judah was invaded by a vast Cushite army with 300 chariots. What did king Asa do? (2 Chronicles 14:9-11)
  
14. What was the outcome of this battle? (2 Chronicles 14:12-15)

15. Judah had renewed their covenant commitment with the Lord and were living wholeheartedly for the Lord. What was the result of their faithfulness to God and His covenant? (2 Chronicles 15:19)
  
16. In 1 Kings 15:6, we discover Israel's king Jeroboam had died and Baasha was Israel's king. What was the relationship like between Judah and Israel under king Baasha? (1 Kings 15:16, 17)

Note: The years 35 & 36 should read 25 & 26 because king Baasha died in the 26<sup>th</sup> year of Asa's reign. (1 Kings 16:8)

17. What plan did Asa use to make sure the roads to Judah remained open? (1 Kings 15:18, 19)
  
18. All was well again in Judah -- or was it? What did the Lord have to say about king Asa's plan? (2 Chronicles 16:7-9)
  
19. From what we've learned so far about God, what do you think God wanted Asa to do? (2 Chronicles 7:14)
  
20. How did Asa, who in his youth was called good and right (2 Chronicles 14:2), respond to God's word in the mature years of his life? (2 Chronicles 16:10)
  
21. God tried a second time to get his attention. What method did God use and how successful was that? (2 Chronicles 16:12 & Deuteronomy 28:15 & 21)

22. What information is given about the death of Asa?  
(2 Chronicles 16:13, 14 & 1 Kings 15:23, 24)

Fill in **The Kings of Israel & Judah Chart** on Asa.