



**Asa: A Promising Start,
a Disappointing Finish**
2 Chronicles 14-16



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Rely on the LORD and you will finish well.



A Study of Asa

1. Starting well by trusting the LORD amidst great pressure (Ch. 14)
2. Continuing well by taking courage in the LORD. (Ch. 15)
3. The results of finishing poorly. (Ch. 16)



The Judges



United Kingdom

King Saul



King David



King Solomon



Divided Kingdom



Israel

(20 Kings)

All Bad

Did Not Follow
the Lord



Judah

(20 Kings)

Some Good;
Some Bad

Rehoboam

Abijah

3rd King of Judah



Asa

Jehoshaphat



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“”Now Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and 300 chariots, and he came to Mareshah”
2 Chronicles 14:9

Map Reference:
ESV Study Bible; Crossway Bibles



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“So Ben-hadad listened to King Asa and sent the commanders of his armies against the cities of Israel, and conquered Ijon, Dan, Abel-maim and all the store cities of Naphtali.”

2 Chronicles 16:4

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Promising START (Ch 14 & 15)

- Zerah the Ethiopian (the Cushite)
- Million-man army; 300 chariots
- Sought the LORD
- Victory pleasing to the LORD
- Prophet visited, reinforced his action
- Response: Asa took courage and made further reforms
- Results: Rest on all sides

Disappointing FINISH (Ch 16)

- Baasha King of Israel
- Fortified Ramah; blockade
- Sought a treaty
- Victory not pleasing to the LORD
- Prophet visited, rebuked his action
- Response: Asa was angry and did not rely on the LORD
- Results: War