

Divided Kingdom- Lesson 3a
Finding and Forsaking God
II Chron. 14 – 16:6

I. Asa's Change of Heart (II Chron. 14-16)

A. Abijah vs. Jeroboam (II Chron. 13:1 – 14:1)

1. Abijah ruled 3 years in Jerusalem (II Chron.13:2)
2. Abijah reminds Jeroboam that God has given rule to David's family (II Chron.13:5 cf. Num.18:19- covenant of salt)
3. God smites Jeroboam's forces (II Chron.13:15-18)
4. Asa's obedience (II Chron.14:2)

B. Asa's loyalty to God (II Chron. 14:11)

1. Asa's rest on God (II Chron. 14:1-12)
 - a. He took away the altars, high places, false idols, groves (II Chron.14:3)
 - b. He commanded Judah to seek the LORD (II Chron.14:4)
 - c. The Lord gave Judah rest (II Chron.14:6)
2. Asa's reward from God [defeat of the Ethiopians] (II Chron. 14:13-15)
3. God's request of Asa (II Chron. 15:1-7)
 - a. The prophecy of Azariah (II Chron.15:2)
 - b. The promise of reward to Asa (II Chron.15:7)
4. Asa's response to God (II Chron. 15:8-19)
 - a. He took away the idols and renewed the altar of the LORD (II Chron.15:8)
 - b. They entered into a covenant to seek the LORD (II Chron.15:12)

C. Asa's loyalty to self (II Chron. 16)

1. Asa's reliance on Syria (II Chron. 16:1-6)
 - a. Baasha, king of Israel comes against Judah (II Chron.16:1)
 - b. Asa seeks the help of Benhadad, king of Syria (II Chron.16:2-6)