



Ketouvim (hagiographes) - Chroniques II

Chapter 14

- 14,1 And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God;
- 14,2 for he took away the strange altars, and the high places, and broke down the pillars, and hewed down the Asherim;
- 14,3 and commanded Judah to seek the Lord, the God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.
- 14,4 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun-images; and the kingdom was quiet before him.
- 14,5 And he built fortified cities in Judah; for the land was quiet, and he had no war in those years; because the Lord had given him rest.
- 14,6 For he said unto Judah: 'Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars; the land is yet before us, because we have sought the Lord our God; we have sought Him, and He hath given us rest on every side.' So they built and prospered.
- 14,7 And Asa had an army that bore bucklers and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand;
- 14,8 And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an army of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and he came unto Mareshah.
- 14,9 Then Asa went out to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephath at Mareshah. {S} and out of Benjamin, that bore shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand; all these were mighty men of valour.
- 14,10 And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said: 'Lord, there is none beside Thee to help, between the mighty and him that hath no strength; help us, O Lord our God; for we rely on Thee, and in Thy name are we come against this multitude. Thou art the Lord our God; let not man prevail against Thee.'
- 14,11 So the Lord smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.
- 14,12 And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar; and there fell of the Ethiopians so that none remained alive; for they were shattered before the Lord, and before His host; and they carried away very much booty.
- 14,13 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for a terror from the Lord came upon them; and they spoiled all the cities; for there was much spoil in them.
- 14,14 They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep in abundance and camels, and returned to Jerusalem.