

2 Chronicles 14 – King Asa Cries to the LORD: Do Not Let Man Prevail Against You!

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He is Able to Deliver Thee – William Ogden – Worship Resources

1 'Tis the grandest theme through the ages rung; 'Tis the grandest theme for a mortal tongue;
'Tis the grandest theme that the world e'er sung, "Our God is able to deliver thee."

Refrain: He is able to deliver thee, He is able to deliver thee; Though by sin oppressed, go to Him for rest; "Our God is able to deliver thee."

2 'Tis the grandest theme in the earth or main; 'Tis the grandest theme for a mortal strain;
'Tis the grandest theme, tell the world again, "Our God is able to deliver thee." (Refrain)

3 'Tis the grandest theme, let the tidings roll, To the guilty heart, to the sinful soul;
Look to God in faith, He will make thee whole, "Our God is able to deliver thee." (Refrain)

The Kingdom Decays (2 Chronicles Chapters 13-36)

While the kings of Israel were for the most part apostates, several kings in Judah were men of God who sought to bring the people back to the Lord. However, the infection of sin had already gotten into both kingdoms and it was only a matter of time before they would collapse.

Asa (2 Chronicles Chapters 14-16)

Asa led the nation in **two reforms** as **he removed the altars** to the foreign gods and **commanded the people to return to the Lord**. God honored his efforts by giving the nation **ten years of peace**, during which the king fortified the cities. His victory over the Ethiopians and the message from the prophet Azariah motivated the king to gather all the people together to reaffirm their covenant with Him (2Ch 15:12). Asa even deposed the Queen Mother and destroyed her idols! How sad it is that in his later years, Asa stopped trusting the Lord and robbed God's temple to buy protection from a heathen king. When rebuked by the prophet Hanani, the king didn't repent; then, when afflicted with an illness, he didn't turn to the Lord. **Good beginnings are no guarantee of good endings.**

Asa Reigns in Judah! He Cries to the LORD:

2Ch 14:1 So Abijah rested with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. Then Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days the land was quiet for ten years.

2Ch 14:2 Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God,

2Ch 14:3 for he removed the altars of the foreign gods and the high places, and broke down the sacred pillars and cut down the wooden images.

2Ch 14:4 He commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to observe the law and the commandment.

2Ch 14:5 He also removed the high places and the incense altars from all the cities of Judah, and the kingdom was quiet under him.

2Ch 14:6 And he built fortified cities in Judah, for the land had rest; he had no war in those years, because the LORD had given him rest.

2Ch 14:7 Therefore he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and make walls around them, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us, because we have sought the LORD our God; we have sought Him, and He has given us rest on every side." So they built and prospered.

2Ch 14:8 And Asa had an army of three hundred thousand from Judah who carried shields and spears, and from Benjamin two hundred and eighty thousand men who carried shields and drew bows; all these were mighty men of valor.

2Ch 14:9 Then Zerah the Ethiopian came out against them with an army of a million men and three hundred chariots, and he came to Mareshah.

2Ch 14:10 So Asa went out against him, and they set the troops in battle array in the Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

2Ch 14:11 And Asa cried out to the LORD his God, and said, "**LORD, it is nothing for You to help, whether**

with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude. O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!"

2Ch 14:12 So the LORD struck the Ethiopians before Asa and Judah, and the Ethiopians fled.

2Ch 14:13 And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar. So the Ethiopians were overthrown, and they could not recover, for they were broken before the LORD and His army. And they carried away very much spoil.

2Ch 14:14 Then they defeated all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of the LORD came upon them; and they plundered all the cities, for there was exceedingly much spoil in them.

2Ch 14:15 They also attacked the livestock enclosures, and carried off sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

SUMMARY:

- Asa, a good king following 2+ generations of idolatrous kings! God is bigger than our past! Being born again, a new beginning, not bound to the past, having the living God and His power!
- Asa did what was right in the sight of God. He **removed** the false images; **broke them & cut them** down!
- Asa **commanded the nation to draw back** to God! **To observe** the law. **To remove** high places & incense altars!
- Then **the LORD gave Asa and Judah peace!** Oh, how valuable is peace – something the wicked don't have!
- He **used the time of peace wisely**. First, **he built up the faith** of the nation; then **he fortified it** militarily!
- What a great example for each of us to use our times of peace and rest **to use the time wisely!**
- Then a great crisis arose – an invasion of a **million** man army with **300 chariots** (like tanks)! LORD we're dead unless You help!
- Asa prayed a great prayer - "LORD, **it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power; help us, O LORD our God, for we rest on You, and in Your name we go against** this multitude. **O LORD, You are our God; do not let man prevail against You!**"
- God responded by giving Judah a great, supernatural, total victory!
- With the God-given victory, Judah gained much spoil!

The Battle Belongs to the Lord - The Maranatha! Singers

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land. The battle belongs to the Lord.

No weapon that's fashioned against us shall stand The battle belongs to the Lord

We sing glory, honor Power and strength to the Lord. We sing glory, honor Power and strength to the Lord

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood, The battle belongs to the Lord

He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood, The battle belongs to the Lord

And We sing glory, honor, Power and strength to the Lord. We sing glory, honor, Power and strength to the Lord

When your enemy presses in hard do not fear. The battle belongs to the Lord

Take courage my friend, your redemption is near. The battle belongs to the Lord

And We sing glory, honor, Power and strength to the Lord. We sing glory, honor, Power and strength to the Lord

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