

## CAN YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

1. Describe the relationship between Asa, king of Judah and Baasha, king of Israel.
2. Why was Asa punished at the end of his lifetime? What was the punishment?
3. In what manner did Ahab differ from his predecessors?
4. What prompted Elijah (*Eliyahu*) to decree a drought in Israel?
5. Describe the events that occurred with Elijah on Mount Carmel.

This and much more will be addressed in the third lecture of this series:  
**“Ahab and Jezebel: The Return of the Worship of Baal”.**

To derive maximum benefit from this lecture, keep these questions in mind as you listen to the lecture and read through the outline. Go back to these questions once again at the end of the lecture and see how well you answer them.

PLEASE NOTE: This outline and source book were designed as a powerful tool to help you appreciate and understand the basis of Jewish History. Although the lectures can be listened to without the use of the outline, we advise you to read the outline to enhance your comprehension. Use it, as well, as a handy reference guide and for quick review.

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Series XVII Lecture #3

AHAB AND JEZEBEL: THE RETURN OF THE WORSHIP OF BAAL

I. Asa and the Revitalization of the House of David

A.

ובשנת עשרים לירבעם מלך ישראל מלך אסא מלך יהודה: וארבעים ואחת שנה מלך בירושלם ושם אמו מעכה בת אבישלום: מלכים א טו:ט-י

And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam, king of Israel, reigned Asa over Judah. And forty one years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. **Kings I 15:9-10**

B.

(1) וישכב אביה עם אבתיו ויקברו אתו בעיר דויד ומלך אסא בנו תחתיו בימיו שקטה הארץ עשר שנים: דברי הימים ב יג:כג

And Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Asa, his son, reigned in his place. In his days, the land was quiet ten years. **Chronicles II 13:23**

(2) ומלחמה היתה בין אסא ובין בעשא מלך ישראל כל ימיהם: מלכים א טו:טז

And there was hostility between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. **Kings I 15:16**

C.

ויעש אסא הטוב והישר בעיני ד' א-להיו: ויסר את מזבחות הנכר והבמות וישבר את המצבות ויגדע את האשרים: ויאמר ליהודה לדרוש את ד' א-להי אבותיהם ולעשות התורה והמצוה: ויסר מפל ערי יהודה את הבמות ואת החמנים ותשקט הממלכה לפניו: ויבן ערי מצורה ביהודה כי שקטה הארץ ואין עמו מלחמה בשנים האלה כי הניח ד' לו: ויאמר ליהודה נבנה | את הערים האלה ונסב חומה ומגדלים דלתים ובריחים עודנו הארץ לפנינו כי דרשנו את ד' א-להינו דרשנו וינח לנו מסביב ויבנו ויצליחו: ויהי לאסא חיל נשא צנה ורמח מיהודה שלש מאות אלף ומבנימן נשאי מגן ודרכי קשת מאתים ושמונים אלף כל אלה גבורי חיל: ויצא אליהם זרח הכושי בחיל אלף אלפים ומרכבות שלש מאות ויבא עד מרשה: ויצא אסא לפניו ויערכו מלחמה בגיא צפתה למרשה: ויקרא אסא אל ד' א-להיו ויאמר ד' אין עמך לעזור בין רב לאין פח עזרנו ד' א-להינו כי עליך נשענו ובשמך באנו על הקמון הזה ד' א-להינו אתה אל יעצר עמך אנוש: ויגף ד' את הכושים לפני אסא ולפני יהודה וינסו הכושים: וירדפם אסא והעם אשר עמו עד לגרר ויפל מכושים לאין להם מחיה כי נשברו לפני ד' ולפני מחנהו וישאו שלל הרבה מאד: ויכו את כל הערים סביבות גרר כי היה פחד ד' עליהם ויבזו את כל הערים כי בזה רבה היתה בהם: וגם אהלי מקנה הכו וישבו צאן לרב וגמלים וישבו ירושלם: דברי הימים ב יד:א-יד

And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the L-rd his G-d; - For he took away the altars of the foreign gods, and the high places, and broke down the images (pillars), - and cut down the Asherim; - And he commanded Judah to seek the L-rd G-d of their fathers, and to keep the Torah and the commandment. Also he took away from all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun images; and the kingdom was quiet under him. And he built fortified cities in Judah;

for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the L-rd had given him rest. And 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 L-rd our G-d, we have sought Him, and He has given us rest on every side. And they built and prospered. - And Asa had an army of men who carried shields and spears, three hundred thousand men from Judah; and two hundred and eighty thousand men from Benjamin, who carried shields and drew bows. All these were mighty men of valor. - And there came against them Zerah the Kushite with an army of a million men, and three hundred chariots; and came to Mareshah. Then Asa went out against him, and they ranged the battle in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. And Asa cried to the L-rd his G-d, and said, "L-rd, it is nothing for You to help, whether the many, or those who have no power. Help us, O L-rd our G-d, for we rely on You, and in Your name we go against this multitude! O L-rd, You are our G-d; do not let man prevail against You." And the L-rd struck the Kushites before Asa, and before Judah; and the Kushites fled. And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar; and the Kushites were overthrown, and they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the L-rd, and before His camp; and they - carried away much booty. And they defeated all the cities around Gerar; - for the fear of the L-rd came upon them; and they plundered all the cities; for there was much booty in them. They struck also the tents of cattle, - and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem. **Chronicles II 14:1-14**

D.

(1) וְעִזְרִיָּהוּ בֶן עֹזֵד הִיָּתָה עָלָיו רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים: וַיֵּצֵא לִפְנֵי אֲסָא וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ שְׁמַעוּנִי אֲסָא וְכָל יִהוּדָה וּבְנֵימָן ד' עִמָּכֶם בְּהִיוֹתְכֶם עִמּוֹ וְאִם תִּדְרֹשׁוּהוּ יִמָּצֵא לָכֶם וְאִם תַּעֲזֹבֻהוּ יַעֲזֹב אֶתְכֶם: וַיָּמִים רַבִּים לְיִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר | אֱלֹהֵי אֲמַת וּלְאֵל כַּהֵן מוֹרָה וּלְאֵל תּוֹרָה: וַיֵּשֶׁב בְּצֹר לוֹ עַל ד' אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּבְקֶשׁהוּ וַיִּמָּצֵא לָהֶם: וּבַעֲתֵים הֵהֱמִן אֵינן שְׁלוֹ' לְיוֹצֵא וּלְבָא כִּי מִהוּמַת רַבּוֹת עַל כָּל יִשְׁבֵי הָאָרְצוֹת: וְכַתְּנוּ גוֹי בְּגוֹי וְעִיר בְּעִיר כִּי אֱלֹהִים הִמָּמֵם בְּכָל צָרָה: וְאַתֶּם חֲזָקוּ וְאַל יִרְפוּ יְדֵיכֶם כִּי יֵשׁ שָׂכָר לַפְּעֻלַּתְכֶם: וְכַשְׁמַע אֲסָא הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וְהַנְּבוּאָה עִדָּד הַנְּבִיא הַתְּחִזֵּק וַיַּעֲבֵר הַשְּׁקוּצִים מִכָּל אֶרֶץ יִהוּדָה וּבְנֵימָן וּמִן הָעָרִים אֲשֶׁר לְכַד מֵהָר אֶפְרַיִם וַיַּחֲדֵשׁ אֶת מִזְבֵּחַ ד' אֲשֶׁר לִפְנֵי אוֹלָם ד': וַיִּקְבֹּץ אֶת כָּל יִהוּדָה וּבְנֵימָן וְהַגָּרִים עִמָּהֶם מֵאֶפְרַיִם וּמְנַשֶּׁה וּמִשְׁמַעוֹן כִּי נִפְלוּ עָלָיו מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל לְרַב בְּרֵאתָם כִּי ד' אֱלֹהֵי עִמּוֹ: וַיִּקְבְּצוּ יְרוּשָׁלַם בַּחֲדָשׁ הַשְּׁלִישִׁי לְשַׁנַּת חֲמֵשׁ עָשָׂרָה לְמַלְכוּת אֲסָא: וַיִּזְבְּחוּ לַד' בְּיֹם הַהוּא מִן הַשָּׁלָל הַבִּיאוּ בְּקָר שְׁבַע מֵאוֹת וְצֹאן שְׁבַעַת אֲלָפִים: וַיָּבִאוּ בְּבֵרִית לְדָרוֹשׁ אֶת ד' אֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵיהֶם בְּכָל לְבָבָם וּבְכָל נַפְשָׁם: וְכָל אֲשֶׁר לֹא יִדְרֹשׁ לַד' אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל יוֹמַת לְמִן קֶטֶן וְעַד גְּדוֹל לְמֵאִישׁ וְעַד אִשָּׁה: וַיִּשְׁבְּעוּ לַד' בְּקוֹל גְּדוֹל וּבַתְרוּעָה וּבַחֲצֻצֹרוֹת וּבְשׁוֹפְרוֹת: וַיִּשְׁמְחוּ כָּל יִהוּדָה עַל הַשְּׁבוּעָה כִּי בְּכָל לְבָבָם נִשְׁבְּעוּ וּבְכָל רְצוֹנָם בִּקְשָׁהוּ וַיִּמָּצֵא לָהֶם וַיִּנַּח ד' לָהֶם מִסְבִּיב: וְגַם מַעֲכָה אִם | אֲסָא הִמְלִיךְ הַסִּירָה מִגְּבִירָה אֲשֶׁר עָשְׂתָה לְאַשְׁרָה מִפְּלָצַת וַיִּכְרַת אֲסָא אֶת מִפְּלָצָתָהּ וַיִּדְק וַיִּשְׂרֹף בְּנַחַל קִדְרוֹן: וְהַבְּמוֹת לֹא סָרוּ מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל רַק לְבַב אֲסָא הָיָה שָׁלֵם כָּל יָמָיו: וַיָּבֵא אֶת קִדְשֵׁי אָבִיו וְקִדְשֵׁי בֵית הָאֱלֹהִים כֶּסֶף וְזָהָב וְכֵלִים: וּמִלְחָמָה לֹא הִיָּתָה עַד שְׁנַת שְׁלֹשִׁים וְחֲמֵשׁ לְמַלְכוּת אֲסָא: דְּבָרֵי הַיָּמִים ב טו:א-יט

And the spirit of G-d came upon Azariah the son of Oded; And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The L-rd is with you, while you are with Him; and if you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. Now for a long time *Israel had been without the true G-d*, and without a teaching priest, and without Torah. But when they in their trouble turned to the L-rd G-d of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them. - And in those times there was no peace to him who went out, nor to him who came in, but great troubles were upon all the inhabitants of the countries. And they were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city, for G-d troubled them with all kinds

of adversity. - Be you strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak; for your work shall be rewarded. And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and from the cities which he had taken from Mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the L-rd, that was before the vestibule of the L-rd. And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the foreigners with them from Ephraim and Manasseh, and from Simeon; for they deserted to him from Israel in great numbers, when they saw that the L-rd his G-d was with him. And they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. And they offered to the L-rd the same time, of the booty which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. And they entered into a covenant to seek the L-rd G-d of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; That whoever would not seek the L-rd G-d of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. And they swore to the L-rd with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with shofarot. And all Judah rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought Him with their whole desire; and He was found by them; and the L-rd gave them rest around. Even Maachah, the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an abominable idol for an Ashera; and Asa cut down her idol, and crushed it, and burned it at the brook Kidron. - But the high places were not taken away from Israel; - nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days. And he brought into the house of G-d the things that his father had consecrated, and that he himself had consecrated, silver, and gold, and utensils. And there was no war till the thirty fifth year of the reign of Asa. **Chronicles II 15:1-19**

(2) אמר רב הונא: כל העוסק בתורה בלבד דומה כמי שאין לו א-לוה, שנאמר: (דברי הימים ב' טו) וימים רבים לישראל ללא א-להי אמת [וגו'], מאי ללא א-להי אמת שכל העוסק בתורה בלבד דומה כמי שאין לו א-לוה. עבודה זרה יז:

Rav Huna said: He who only occupies himself with the study of the Torah, [without being involved with acts of kindness,] is as if he had no G-d, for it is said (Chronicles II 15:3), "Now for a long time Israel has been without the true G-d." What is meant by "without the true G-d"? It means that he who only occupies himself with the study of the Torah is as if he had no G-d. **Avodah Zarah 17b**

E.

(1) בשנת שלשים וּשש לְמַלְכוּת אָסָא עָלָה בַּעֲשָׂא מֶלֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל עַל יְהוּדָה וַיִּבֶן אֶת הַרְמָה לְבִלְתִּי תֵת יוֹצֵא וְכֹא לְאָסָא מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה: וַיֵּצֵא אָסָא כֶּסֶף וְזָהָב מֵאֲצֵרוֹת בַּיִת ד' וּבֵית הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶל בֶּן הֶדְד מֶלֶךְ אֲרָם הַיּוֹשֵׁב בְּדַרְמֶשֶׁק לֵאמֹר: בְּרִית בְּיָנִי וּבֵינְךָ וּבֵין אָבִי וּבֵין אָבִיךָ הִנֵּה שְׁלַחְתִּי לְךָ כֶּסֶף וְזָהָב לְךָ הֲפֹר בְּרִיתְךָ אֶת בַּעֲשָׂא מֶלֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיַּעֲלֶה מַעֲלִי: וַיִּשְׁמַע בֶּן הֶדְד אֶל הַמֶּלֶךְ אָסָא וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶת שָׂרֵי הַחֲיָלִים אֲשֶׁר לוֹ אֶל עָרֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּכּוּ אֶת עֵינֹן וְאֶת דָּן וְאֶת אָבֵל מִים וְאֶת כָּל מִסְכְּנוֹת עָרֵי נַפְתָּלִי: וַיְהִי כִשְׁמַע בַּעֲשָׂא וַיַּחְדֵּל מִבְּנוֹת אֶת הַרְמָה וַיִּשְׁבֹּת אֶת מְלֹאכְתּוֹ: וְאָסָא הַמֶּלֶךְ לָקַח אֶת-כָּל יְהוּדָה וַיִּשְׂאוּ אֶת אֲבְנֵי הַרְמָה וְאֶת עֲצֵיהָ אֲשֶׁר בָּנָה בַּעֲשָׂא וַיִּבֶן בָּהֶם אֶת גִּבְעָה וְאֶת הַמִּצְפָּה: וּבָעֵת הַזֹּאת בָּא חֲנַנִּי הַרְאָה אֶל אָסָא מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו בְּהִשְׁעֲנֶךָ עַל מֶלֶךְ אֲרָם וְלֹא נִשְׁעַנְתָּ עַל ד' אֱלֹהֶיךָ עַל כֵּן נִמְלַט חַיִל מֶלֶךְ אֲרָם מִיָּדְךָ: הֲלֹא | הַכּוֹשִׁים וְהַלּוּבִים הֵיוּ לְחַיִל | לְרַב לְרֹכֵב וּלְפָרְשִׁים לְהַרְבֵּה מְאֹד וּבְהִשְׁעֲנֶךָ עַל ד' נִתְּנָם בְּיָדְךָ: כִּי ד' עֵינָיו מִשְׁטָטוֹת בְּכָל הָאָרֶץ לְהִתְחַזֵּק עִם לְבָבָם שְׁלֵם אֵלָיו נִסְכַּלְתָּ עַל זֹאת כִּי מַעֲתָה יֵשׁ עִמָּךְ מִלְחָמוֹת: וַיִּכְעַס אָסָא אֶל הַרְאָה וַיִּתְּנֶהוּ בַּיִת הַמְּהַפֶּכֶת כִּי בְזַעַף עֲמוֹ עַל זֹאת וַיִּרְצֹץ אָסָא מִן הָעָם בְּעֵת הַזֹּאת: וְהִנֵּה דְבָרֵי אָסָא הַרְאוּשׁוֹנִים וְהֶאֱחָרוּנִים הֵנָּם כְּתוּבִים עַל סֵפֶר הַמְּלָכִים לְיְהוּדָה וְיִשְׂרָאֵל: וַיַּחֲלֵא אָסָא בְּשֵׁנֵת שְׁלוֹשִׁים וְתֵשַׁע לְמַלְכוּתוֹ בְּרַגְלָיו עַד לְמַעְלָה חֲלָיו וְגַם בְּחֲלָיו לֹא דָרַשׁ אֶת ד' כִּי בְּרַפְאִים: וַיִּשְׁכַּב אָסָא עִם אֲבֹתָיו וַיָּמָת בְּשֵׁנֵת אַרְבָּעִים וְאַחַת לְמַלְכוֹ: וַיִּקְבְּרוּהוּ בְּקִבְרֹתָיו

אֲשֶׁר כָּרָה לוֹ בְּעִיר דָּוִד וַיִּשְׁכְּבֶהּ בְּמִשְׁכַּב אֲשֶׁר מְלֵא בְּשָׂמִים וְזָנִים מְרַקְחִים בְּמִרְקַחַת מַעֲשֵׂה וַיִּשְׂרְפוּ לוֹ שְׂרָפָה גְדוֹלָה עַד לְמָאֵד: דְּבָרֵי הַיָּמִים בַּטַּז-א-יֵד

In the thirty sixth year of the kingdom of Asa (which began, in its reduced state, from the reign of Rehoboam), Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah (a fortress), that he might let no one go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. - Then Asa brought out silver and gold from the treasures of the house of the L-rd and of the king's house, and sent them to Ben-Hadad king of Aram, who lived in Damascus, saying, There is a treaty between me and you, as there was between my father and your father; behold, I have sent you silver and gold; go, break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. - And Ben-Hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they struck Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-Maim, and all the storage cities of Naphtali. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard it, that he stopped building Ramah (the fortress), and allowed his work to cease. Then Asa the king took *all* Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and its timber, with which Baasha was building; and he built with it Geba and Mizpah. And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him, Because you have relied on the king of Aram, and not relied on the L-rd your G-d, the army of the king of Aram has escaped from your hand. Were not the Kushites and the Lubites a huge army, with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on the L-rd, He delivered them into your hand. For the eyes of the L-rd run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose heart is perfect towards Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from this time onward you shall have wars. - And Asa was angry with the seer, and put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this matter. And Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time. - And, behold, the acts of Asa, from first to last, lo, they are written in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel. And Asa in the thirty ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was severe; yet in his disease he did not seek the L-rd, but the physicians. - And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the forty first year of his reign. And they buried him in his own tomb, which he had prepared for himself in the city of David, and laid him on a bier which was filled with sweet odors and different kinds of spices prepared by the perfumers' art; and they made a very great burning for him. **Chronicles II 16:1-14**

(2) ת"ר: חמשה נבראו מעין דוגמא של מעלה, וכולן לקו בהן: שמשון בכחו, שאול בצוארו, אבשלום בשערו, צדקיה בעיניו, אסא ברגליו. . . . אסא ברגליו, דכתיב: (מלכים א' טו) רק לעת זקנתו חלה את רגליו, ואמר רב יהודה אמר רב: שאחזתו פדגרא. א"ל מר זוטרא בריה דרב נחמן לרב נחמן: היכי דמי פדגרא? א"ל: כמחט בבשר החי. מנא ידע? איכא דאמרי: מיחש הוה חש ביה ואיכא דאמרי: מרביה שמע ליה וא"ד: (תהלים כה) סוד ד' ליראיו ובריתו להודיעם. דרש רבא: מפני מה נענש אסא? מפני שעשה אנגריא בתלמידי חכמים, שנאמר: (מלכים א' טו) והמלך אסא השמיע את כל יהודה. אין נקי - מאי אין נקי? אמר רב יהודה אמר רב: אפילו חתן מחדרו וכלה מחופתה. סוטה י.

Our Rabbis have taught: Five were created after the likeness of Him Who is above, and all of them incurred punishment on account of [the feature which distinguished] them: Samson in his strength, Saul in his neck, Absalom in his hair, Zedekiah in his eyes, and Asa in his feet. . . . Asa [was punished] in his feet, as it is written (Kings I 15:23), "But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet;" and Rav Yehudah said in the name of Rav, Podagra [gout] attacked him. Mar Zutra, son of R. Nahman, asked R. Nahman, What is Podagra like? He answered: Like a needle in living flesh. How did he know this? Some say he suffered from it himself; others say that he heard it from his teacher; and others declare (Psalms 25:14), "The secret of the L-rd is with them that fear Him, and He will show them His covenant." Rava expounded: Why was Asa

punished? Because he imposed forced labor upon the disciples of the Sages, as it is said (Kings I 15:22): “Then King Asa made a proclamation unto *all* Yehudah; none was exempted.” What means “none was exempted” Rav Yehudah said in the name of Rav: Even the bridegroom from his chamber and the bride from her canopy. **Sotah 10a**

## II. The Fall of the House of Basha and the Rise of the House of Omri

### A.

בשנת שלש לאסא מלך יהודה מלך בעשא בן אחיה על כל ישראל בתרצה עשרים וארבע שנה: ויעש הרע בעיני ד' וילך בדרך ירבעם ובחטאתו אשר החטיא את ישראל: ויהי דבר ד' אל יהוא בן חנני על בעשא לאמר: יען אשר הרימתיך מן העפר ואתנך נגיד על עמי ישראל ותלך בדרך ירבעם ותחטא את עמי ישראל להכעיסני בחטאתם: הנני מבעיר אחרי בעשא ואחרי ביתו ונתתי את ביתך כבית ירבעם בן נבט: המת לבעשא בעיר יאכלו הכלבים והמת לו בשדה יאכלו עוף השמים: ויתר דברי בעשא ואשר עשה וגבורתו הלא הם כתובים על ספר דברי הימים למלכי ישראל: וישכב בעשא עם אבתיו ויקבר בתרצה וימלך אלה בנו תחתיו: וגם ביד יהוא בן חנני הנביא דבר ד' היה אל בעשא ואל ביתו ועל כל הרעה אשר עשה בעיני ד' להכעיסו במעשה ידיו להיות כבית ירבעם ועל אשר הכה אתו: מלכים א טו:לג-לד, טז:א-ז

In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty four years. And he did evil in the sight of the L-rd, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin with which he made Israel sin. Then the word of the L-rd came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, Since I have exalted you from the dust, - and made you prince over my people Israel; and you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have made My people Israel sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sins; Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. He who dies of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and he who dies of his in the fields shall the birds of the air eat. - And the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? And Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned in his place. And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the L-rd against (to) Baasha, and against (to) his house, for all the evil that he did in the sight of the L-rd, in provoking Him to anger with the work of His hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; - and because he killed him. **Kings I 15:33-34, 16:1-7**

### B.

בשנת עשרים ושלש שנה לאסא מלך יהודה מלך אלה בן בעשא על ישראל בתרצה שנתים: ויקשר עליו עבדו זמרי שר מחצית הרכב והוא בתרצה שתה שכור בית ארצא אשר על הבית בתרצה: ויבא זמרי ויכהו וימיתו בשנת עשרים ושבע לאסא מלך יהודה וימלך תחתיו: ויהי במלכו כשבתו על כסאו הכה את כל בית בעשא לא השאיר לו משתין בקיר וגאליו ורעהו: וישמד זמרי את כל בית בעשא כדבר ד' אשר דבר אל בעשא ביד יהוא הנביא: אל כל חטאות בעשא וחטאות אלה בנו אשר חטאו ואשר החטיאו את ישראל להכעיס את ד' א-להי ישראל בהבליהם: ויתר דברי אלה וכל אשר עשה הלא הם כתובים על ספר דברי הימים למלכי ישראל: מלכים א טז:ח-יד

In the twenty sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years. And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of his house in Tirzah. And Zimri went in and struck him, and killed him, in the twenty seventh year of Asa king of

Judah, and reigned in his place. And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew all the house of Baasha; he left him not one who urinates against a wall, neither of his kinfolks, nor of his friends. Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the L-rd, which He spoke against Baasha by Jehu the prophet, For all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel sin, in provoking the L-rd G-d of Israel to anger with their vanities. And the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? **Kings I 16:8-14**

C.

בשנת עשרים ושבע שנה לאסא מלך יהודה מלך זמרי שבעת ימים בתרצה והעם חנים על גבתון אשר לפלשתים: וישמע העם החנים לאמר קשר זמרי וגם הפה את המלך וימלכו כל ישראל את עמרי שר צבא על ישראל ביום ההוא במחנה: ויעלה עמרי וכל ישראל עמו מגבתון ויצרו על תרצה: ויהי כראות זמרי כי נלכדה העיר ויבא אל ארמון בית המלך וישרף עליו את בית מלך באש וימת: על חטאתיו אשר חטא לעשות הרע בעיני ד' ללכת בדרך ירבעם ובחטאתו אשר עשה להחטיא את ישראל: ויתר דברי זמרי וקשרו אשר קשר הלא הם כתובים על ספר דברי הימים למלכי ישראל: אז יחלק העם ישראל לחצי חצי העם היה אחרי תבני בן גינת להמליכו והחצי אחרי עמרי: ויחזק העם אשר אחרי עמרי את העם אשר אחרי תבני בן גינת וימת תבני וימלך עמרי: מלכים א טו:כ-כב

In the twenty seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. And the people who were encamped heard say, Zimri has conspired, and has also killed the king; therefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp. And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah. And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went to the palace of the king's house, and (he) burned the king's house over him with fire, and died, For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the L-rd, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel sin. And the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his conspiracy that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? - Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts; half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri. But the people who followed Omri prevailed against the people who followed Tibni the son of Ginath; so Tibni died, and Omri reigned. **Kings I 16:15-22**

D.

בשנת שלשים ואחת שנה לאסא מלך יהודה מלך עמרי על ישראל שתים עשרה שנה בתרצה מלך שש שנים: ויקן את ההר שמרון מאת שמר בכפרים כסף ויבן את ההר ויקרא את שם העיר אשר בנה על שם שמר אדני ההר שמרון: ויעשה עמרי הרע בעיני ד' וירע מכל אשר לפניו: וילך בכל דרך ירבעם בן נבט ובחטאתו אשר החטיא את ישראל להכעיס את ד' א-להי ישראל בהבליהם: ויתר דברי עמרי אשר עשה וגבורתו אשר עשה הלא הם כתובים על ספר דברי הימים למלכי ישראל: וישכב עמרי עם אבתיו ויקבר בשמרון וימלך אחאב בנו תחתיו: מלכים א טז:כג-כד

In the thirty first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years; six years reigned he in Tirzah. And he bought the hill Samaria from Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria. - But Omri did evil in the eyes of the L-rd, and did worse than all who were before him. For he walked in all the ways of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin with which he made Israel sin, to provoke the L-rd G-d of Israel to anger with their vanities. -

And the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he showed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel? And Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his place. **Kings I 16:23-28**

### III. Ahab and Jezebel

#### A.

(1) וַאֲחָאָב בֶּן עֲמֹרִי מֶלֶךְ עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּשָׁנַת שְׁלֹשִׁים וּשְׁמֹנֶה שָׁנָה לְאַסָּא מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה וַיִּמְלֹךְ אֲחָאָב בֶּן עֲמֹרִי עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּשִׁמְרוֹן עָשָׂרִים וּשְׁתַּיִם שָׁנָה: וַיַּעַשׂ אֲחָאָב בֶּן עֲמֹרִי הָרַע בְּעֵינֵי ד' מְכַל אֲשֶׁר לְפָנָיו: וַיְהִי הַנֶּקֶל לְכַתּוֹ בְּחַטָּאוֹת יָרְבֵּעַם בֶּן נִבְט וַיִּקַּח אִשָּׁה אֶת אִיזְבֵּל בַּת אֶתְבַּעַל מֶלֶךְ צִידֹנִים וַיִּלְךְ וַיַּעֲבֹד אֶת הַבַּעַל וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לוֹ: וַיִּקַּם מִזְבֵּחַ לַבַּעַל בֵּית הַבַּעַל אֲשֶׁר בָּנָה בְּשִׁמְרוֹן: וַיַּעַשׂ אֲחָאָב אֶת הָאֲשֵׁרָה וַיֹּסֶף אֲחָאָב לַעֲשׂוֹת לְהַכְעִיס אֶת ד' אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מְכַל מַלְכֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר הָיוּ לְפָנָיו: בְּיָמָיו בָּנָה חִיאֵל בֵּית הָאֱלִי אֶת יְרִיחָה בְּאֲבִירָם בְּכָרוֹ יִסְדָּה וּבְשִׁגּוֹב צַעִירוֹ הִצִּיב דְּלֹתֶיהָ כְּדָבַר ד' אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר בְּיַד יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן-נּוּן: מַלְכִים א טז:כט-לד

And in the thirty eighth year of Asa, king of Judah, began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty two years. And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the L-rd above all who were before him. And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took for a wife Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. - And he erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made an Ashera; - and Ahab did more to provoke the L-rd G-d of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him. In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho; he laid its foundation with Abiram his firstborn, and set up its gates with his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the L-rd, which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun. **Kings I 16:29-34**

(2) וַיִּשְׁבַּע יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בְּעֵת הַהִיא לֵאמֹר אָרוּר הָאִישׁ לְפָנָי ד' אֲשֶׁר יָקוּם וּבָנָה אֶת הָעִיר הַזֹּאת אֶת יְרִיחוֹ בְּבָכְרוֹ יִיִסְדָּנָה וּבְצַעִירוֹ יִצִּיב דְּלֹתֶיהָ: יְהוֹשֻׁעַ ו:כו

And Joshua charged them at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the L-rd, that rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest son shall he set up its gates. **Joshua 6:26**

(3) תניא: לא יריחו על שם עיר אחרת, ולא עיר אחרת על שם יריחו דכתיב (מלכים א' י"ז) בנה חיאל בית האלי את יריחה באבירם בכרו יסדה ובשגוב צעירו הציב דלתיה... ממשמע שנאמר באבירם בכורו איני יודע ששגוב צעירו? מה תלמוד לומר שגוב צעירו מלמד שהיה מקבר והולך מאבירם עד שגוב. אחאב שושביניה הוה, אתא איהו ואליהו למשאל בשלמא בי טמיא. יתיב וקאמר: דילמא כי מילט יהושע הכי לט: לא יריחו על שם עיר אחרת, ולא עיר אחרת על שם יריחו? אמר ליה אליהו: אין. אמר ליה: השתא לווטתא דמשה לא קא מקיימא, דכתיב (דברים י"א) וסרתם ועבדתם וגו' וכתוב וחרה אף ד' בכם ועצר את השמים וגו', וההוא גברא אוקים ליה עבודה זרה על כל תלם ותלם, ולא שביק ליה מיטרא דמיזל מיסגד ליה, לווטתא דיהושע תלמידיה מקיימא? מיד (מלכים א' י"ז) ויאמר אליהו התשבי מתשבי גלעד חי ד' א-להי ישראל... אם יהיה טל ומטר וגו', בעי רחמי והבו ליה אקלידא דמטרא, וקם ואזל. סנהדרין קיג.



It has been taught: Neither Jericho with the name of a different town, nor a different town under the name of Jericho. It is written (Kings I 16:34), “. . . in his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundations thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the L-rd, which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.” . . . Now, since it is written, “. . . in Abiram his firstborn,” I know that Segub was his youngest: why then state Segub his youngest son? This teaches that he buried [his children] in succession from Abiram to Segub. Now Ahab was his close friend. He and Elijah went to enquire after his welfare in the house of mourning. He [Ahab] sat and remarked, “Perhaps when Joshua pronounced his curse, it was thus: Neither Jericho under a different name, nor a different city by the name of Jericho?” Elijah replied, “That is so.” Said he, “If Moses’ curse was not fulfilled, for it is written (Deuteronomy 11:16), ‘And you turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them,’ which is followed by, ‘and he shut up the heaven that there be no rain, etc,’ yet though that man set up idols upon every single furrow, the rain did not permit him to go and worship them; shall the curse of Joshua, his disciple, have been fulfilled?” Straightway, “And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, ‘As the L-rd G-d of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew or rain these years, but according to my word.’” (Kings I 17:1) He prayed, and the key of rain was given him, upon which he arose and departed. **Sanhedrin 113a**

B.

(1) וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֵיהֶוּ הַתְּשִׁבִי מִתְּשִׁבִי גִלְעָד אֶל אַחָאָב חֵי ד' אֵל-לֵהִי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר עֲמַדְתִּי לְפָנָיו אִם יִהְיֶה הַשָּׁנִים הָאֵלֶּה טַל וּמָטָר כִּי אִם לְפִי דְבָרִי: וַיְהִי דְבַר ד' אֵלָיו לֵאמֹר: לֵךְ מִזֶּה וּפְנִיתִ לְךָ קְדָמָה וְנִסְתַּרְתָּ בְּנַחַל כְּרִית אֲשֶׁר עַל פְּנֵי הַיַּרְדֵּן: וְהָיָה מִהַנְּחַל תִּשְׁתֶּה וְאֶת הָעֵרְבִים צוֹיְתִי לְכַלְכֶּלְךָ שָׁם: וַיֵּלֶךְ וַיַּעַשׂ כַּדְּבַר ד' וַיֵּלֶךְ וַיֵּשֶׁב בְּנַחַל כְּרִית אֲשֶׁר עַל פְּנֵי הַיַּרְדֵּן: וְהָעֵרְבִים מְבִיאִים לוֹ לֶחֶם וּבָשָׂר בְּבִקְרָ וּלְחֶם וּבָשָׂר בְּעָרֵב וּמִן הַנְּחַל יִשְׁתֶּה: וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ יָמִים וַיִּיבֶשׂ הַנְּחַל כִּי לֹא הָיָה גֶשֶׁם בְּאֶרֶץ: וַיְהִי דְבַר ד' אֵלָיו לֵאמֹר: קוּם לֵךְ צָרְפָתָה אֲשֶׁר לְצִידוֹן וַיִּשְׁבֹּתָ שָׁם הִנֵּה צוֹיְתִי שָׁם אִשָּׁה אֶלְמָנָה לְכַלְכֶּלְךָ: מַלְכִים יִי-א-ט

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, As the L-rd G-d of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. - And the word of the L-rd came to him, saying, Get you here, and turn you eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Kerith, that is before the Jordan. And it shall be, that you shall drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there. And he went and did according to the word of the L-rd; for he went and dwelt by the brook Kerith, that is before the Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank of the brook. - And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. And the word of the L-rd came to him, saying, Arise, get you to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain you. **Kings I 17:1-9**

(2) וַיִּקָּם | וַיֵּלֶךְ צָרְפָתָה וַיָּבֵא אֶל פֶּתַח הָעִיר וְהִנֵּה שָׁם אִשָּׁה אֶלְמָנָה מְקַשֶּׁשֶׁת עֲצִים וַיִּקְרָא אֵלֶיהָ וַיֹּאמֶר קְחִי נָא לִי מַעֲט מִים בְּכָלִי וְאִשְׁתֶּה: וַתֵּלֶךְ לְקַחַת וַיִּקְרָא אֵלֶיהָ וַיֹּאמֶר לְקַחִי נָא לִי פֶת לֶחֶם בְּיַדְךָ: וַתֹּאמֶר חֵי ד' אֵל-לֵהִיךָ אִם יֵשׁ לִי מַעֲוֹג כִּי אִם מְלֹא כַף קֶמַח בְּכַד וּמַעֲט שֶׁמֶן בְּצַפְחַת וְהִנְנִי מְקַשֶּׁשֶׁת שָׁנִים עֲצִים וּבָאֲתִי וְעָשִׂיתִיהוּ לִי וּלְבָנִי וְאֶכְלֵנָהוּ וּמָתְנוּ: וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֶיהָ אֵלֵיהֶוּ אֶל תִּירָאִי בְּאֵי עָשִׂי כַד בְּרַךְ אֶךְ עָשִׂי לִי מִשֶׁם עָגָה קִטְנָה בְּרֵאשֹׁנָה וְהוֹצֵאת לִי וְלֶךְ וּלְבָנֶךָ תַעֲשִׂי בְּאֶחְרָנָה: כִּי כֹה אָמַר ד' אֵל-לֵהִי יִשְׂרָאֵל כַּד הִקְמַח לֹא תִכְלָה וְצַפְחַת הַשֶּׁמֶן לֹא תִחָסֵר עַד יוֹם תַּת ד' גֶּשֶׁם עַל פְּנֵי הָאָדָמָה: וַתֵּלֶךְ וַתַּעֲשֶׂה כַּדְּבַר אֵלֵיהֶוּ וַתֹּאכַל הִיא וְהוּא וּבֵיתָהּ יָמִים: כַּד הִקְמַח לֹא כָלְתָה וְצַפְחַת הַשֶּׁמֶן לֹא חָסַר כַּדְּבַר

ד' אֲשֶׁר דָּבַר בְּיַד אֱלֹהָיו: וַיְהִי אַחֲרֵי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה חָלָה בֶּן הָאִשָּׁה בְּעֶלְת הַבַּיִת וַיְהִי חָלְיוֹ חֲזָק מְאֹד עַד אֲשֶׁר לֹא נִוְתְּרָה בּוֹ נְשָׁמָה: וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל אֱלֹהָיו מַה לִּי וְלֹךְ אִישׁ הָאֵל—לֵהִימָן בְּאֵת אֱלֹהֵי לְהִזְכִּיר אֶת עֲוֹנֵי וּלְהַמִּית אֶת בְּנִי: וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהֵי תַנִּי לִי אֶת בְּנִךְ וַיִּקְחֵהוּ מִחִיקָה וַיַּעֲלֵהוּ אֶל הָעֵלְיָה אֲשֶׁר הוּא יֹשֵׁב שָׁם וַיִּשְׁכְּבֵהוּ עַל מִטָּתוֹ: וַיִּקְרָא אֶל ד' וַיֹּאמֶר ד' א—לֵהִי הַגֵּם עַל הָאֶלְמָנָה אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מִתְגֹּרֵר עִמָּה הַרְעוֹת לְהַמִּית אֶת בְּנָהּ: וַיִּתְמַדְד עַל הַיֶּלֶד שְׁלֹשׁ פַּעַמִּים וַיִּקְרָא אֶל ד' וַיֹּאמֶר ד' אֱלֹהֵי תִשָּׁב נָא נַפְשׁ הַיֶּלֶד הַזֶּה עַל קִרְבוֹ: וַיִּשְׁמַע ד' בְּקוֹל אֱלֹהָיו וַתִּשָּׁב נַפְשׁ הַיֶּלֶד עַל קִרְבוֹ וַיִּחִי: וַיִּקַּח אֱלֹהָיו אֶת הַיֶּלֶד וַיְרִדְהוּ מִן הָעֵלְיָה הַבַּיְתָה וַיִּתְנַהֵו לְאִמּוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהָיו רֵאֵי חַי בְּנִיךְ: וַתֹּאמֶר הָאִשָּׁה אֶל אֱלֹהָיו עֲתָה זֶה יִדְעֵתִי כִּי אִישׁ אֵל—לֵהִימָן אֶתָּה וְדָבַר ד' בְּפִיךָ אָמֵת: מַלְכִים אִי־כֹד

And he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow was there gathering sticks; - and he called to her, and said, Bring me, I beg you, a little water in a utensil, that I may drink. And as she was going to bring it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I beg you, a morsel of bread in your hand. And she said, As the L-rd your G-d lives, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a jar; and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and prepare it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said to her, Fear not; go and do as you have said; but make me of it a little cake first, and bring it to me, and after make for you and for your son. For thus said the L-rd G-d of Israel, The jar of meal shall not be spent, neither shall the jar of oil fail, until the day that the L-rd sends rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah; and she, and he, and her house, ate many days. And the barrel of meal was not consumed, nor did the jar of oil fail, according to the word of the L-rd, which He spoke by Elijah. And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so severe, that there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elijah, What have I to do with you, O you man of G-d? Have you come to me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? - And he said to her, Give me your son. And he took him from her bosom, and carried him up to a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried to the L-rd, and said, O L-rd my G-d, have You also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried to the L-rd, and said, O L-rd my G-d, I pray you, let this child's soul come into him again. And the L-rd heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down from the chamber into the house, and delivered him to his mother; and Elijah said, See, your son lives. And the woman said to Elijah, And by this I know that you are a man of G-d, and that the word of the L-rd in your mouth is truth. **Kings I 17:10-24**

3) (מלכים א' י"ז) והערבים מביאים לו לחם ובשר בבקר וגו' מהיכא? אמר רב יהודה אמר רב מבי טבחי דאחאב. (מלכים א' י"ז) ויהי מקץ ימים וייבש הנחל כי לא היה גשם בארץ, כיון דחזא דאיכא צערא בעלמא כתיב (מלכים א' י"ז) ויהי דבר ד' אליו לאמר קום לך צרפתה, וכתיב (מלכים א' י"ז) ויהי אחר הדברים האלה חלה בן האשה בעלת הבית. בעא רחמי למיתן ליה אקלידא דתחיית המתים, אמרי ליה: שלש מפתחות לא נמסרו לשליח: של חיה, ושל גשמים, ושל תחיית המתים. יאמרו: שתים ביד תלמיד ואחת ביד הרב אייתי הא ושקיל האי, דכתיב (מלכים א' י"ז) לך הראה אל אחאב [ואתנה] מטר. סנהדרין קיג.

“And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning etc.” (Kings I 17:6) Whence [did they bring it]? Rav Yehudah said in Rav's name: From Ahab's slaughterers. - “And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.” (ibid. 7) Now, when [G-d] saw that the world was distressed [because of the drought], it is written (ibid. 8-9), “And the word of the L-rd came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath.” And it is further written (ibid. 17), “And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the

mistress of the house, fell sick.” Elijah prayed that the keys of resurrection might be given him, but was answered, “Three keys have not been entrusted to an agent: of birth, rain, and resurrection. Shall it be said, ‘Two are in the hands of the disciple and [only] one in the hand of the Master?’ Bring [Me] the other and take this one,” as it is written (Kings I 18:1), “Go, show thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.” **Sanhedrin 113a**

C.

וַיְהִי יָמִים רַבִּים וַדְּבַר ד' הָיָה אֶל אֱלֹהֵיו בְּשָׁנָה הַשְּׁלִישִׁית לֵאמֹר לְךָ הִרְאָה אֵל אַחָאָב וְאַתְנָה מָטָר עַל פְּנֵי הָאָדָמָה: וַיֵּלֶךְ אֱלֹהֵיו לְהִרְאוֹת אֶל אַחָאָב וְהִרְעֵב חֲזַק בְּשִׁמְרוֹן: וַיִּקְרָא אַחָאָב אֶל עַבְדֵיהוּ אֲשֶׁר עַל הַבַּיִת וְעַבְדֵיהוּ הָיָה יָרָא אֶת ד' מֵאָד: וַיְהִי בַּהֲכָרִית אֵיזֹכֵל אֶת נְבִיאֵי ד' וַיִּקַּח עַבְדֵיהוּ מֵאָה נְבִיאִים וַיַּחְבִּיאֵם חֲמִשִּׁים אִישׁ בַּמְעָרָה וְכָל־כֶּלֶם לְחֵם וּמַיִם: וַיֹּאמֶר אַחָאָב אֶל עַבְדֵיהוּ לֵךְ בְּאַרְץ אֵל כָּל מַעֲיָנֵי הַמַּיִם וְאֵל כָּל הַנְּחָלִים אוּלַי | נִמְצָא חֲצִיר וּנְחִיָּה סוּס וּפָרָד וְלוֹא נְכָרִית מִהַבְּהֵמָה: וַיִּחְלְקוּ לָהֶם אֶת הָאָרֶץ לְעֵבֶר בַּה אַחָאָב הֵלֶךְ בְּדֶרֶךְ אֶחָד לְבָדוֹ וְעַבְדֵיהוּ הֵלֶךְ בְּדֶרֶךְ אֶחָד לְבָדוֹ: וַיְהִי עַבְדֵיהוּ בְּדֶרֶךְ וְהִנֵּה אֱלֹהֵיו לְקִרְאוֹתוֹ וַיִּכְרְהוּ וַיִּפֹּל עַל פָּנָיו וַיֹּאמֶר הַאֲתָה זֶה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵיו: וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ אֲנִי לֵךְ אֲמַר לְאֲדֹנֶיךָ הִנֵּה אֱלֹהֵיו: וַיֹּאמֶר מָה חָטָאתִי כִּי אַתָּה נִתַּן אֶת עַבְדְּךָ בְּיַד אַחָאָב לְהַמִּיתָנִי: חִי | ד' א-לֵהִיךְ אִם יֵשׁ גּוֹי וּמַמְלָכָה אֲשֶׁר לֹא שָׁלַח אֲדֹנָי שָׁם לְבַקֵּשׁךָ וְאָמְרוּ אֵינְךָ וְהַשְׁבִּיעַ אֶת הַמַּמְלָכָה וְאֶת הַגּוֹי כִּי לֹא יִמְצָאֲכָה: וְעַתָּה אַתָּה אָמַר לֵךְ אֲמַר לְאֲדֹנֶיךָ הִנֵּה אֱלֹהֵיו: וְהָיָה אֲנִי | אֵלֶיךָ מֵאַתָּה וְרוּחַ ד' | יִשְׁאָף עַל אֲשֶׁר לֹא אָדַע וּבָאתִי לְהַגִּיד לְאַחָאָב וְלֹא יִמְצָאֶךָ וְהִרְגָנִי וְעַבְדְּךָ יָרָא אֶת ד' מִנְעָרִי: הֲלֹא הִגַּדְתִּי לְאֲדֹנָי אֶת אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתִי בְּהָרֵג אֵיזֹכֵל אֶת נְבִיאֵי ד' וְאַחָאָב מִנְבִיאֵי ד' מֵאָה אִישׁ חֲמִשִּׁים חֲמִשִּׁים אִישׁ בַּמְעָרָה וְאֶכְלָכְלֵם לְחֵם וּמַיִם: וְעַתָּה אַתָּה אָמַר לֵךְ אֲמַר לְאֲדֹנֶיךָ הִנֵּה אֱלֹהֵיו וְהִרְגָנִי: וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהֵיו חִי ד' צָבָאוֹת אֲשֶׁר עִמָּדְתִּי לְפָנָיו כִּי הַיּוֹם אֶרְאֶה אֵלָיו: וַיֵּלֶךְ עַבְדֵיהוּ לְקִרְאוֹת אַחָאָב וַיִּגַּד לוֹ וַיֵּלֶךְ אַחָאָב לְקִרְאוֹת אֱלֹהֵיו: מַלְכִים א

יה:א-טז

And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the L-rd came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show yourself to Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth. - And Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. And there was a severe famine in Samaria. And Ahab called Obadiah, who was the governor of his house. And Obadiah feared the L-rd greatly; For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the L-rd, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifties in a cave, and fed them with bread and water. - And Ahab said to Obadiah, Go to the land, to all the water springs, and to all the brooks; perhaps we may find grass to keep the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts. - And they divided the land between them to pass throughout it; Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself. And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him; and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Are you my lord Elijah? And he answered him, I am; go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here. And he said, What have I sinned, that you would deliver your servant to the hand of Ahab, to slay me? As the L-rd your G-d lives, there is no nation or kingdom, where my lord has not sent to seek you; and when they said, He is not there; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found you not. - And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here. And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from you, that the spirit of the L-rd shall carry you where I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he shall slay me; but I your servant fear the L-rd from my youth. Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the L-rd, how I hid a hundred men of the L-rd's prophets by fifties in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here; and he shall slay me. - And Elijah said, As the L-rd of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today. And Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah. **Kings I 18:1-16**

D.

וַיְהִי כִּרְאוֹת אַחָב אֶת אֱלֹהֵיו וַיֹּאמֶר אַחָב אֵלָיו הֲאֵתָהּ זֶה עֲבַר יִשְׂרָאֵל: וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא עֲכַרְתִּי אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל כִּי אִם אֶתָּה וּבֵית אָבִיךָ בְּעִזְבְּכֶם אֶת מִצְוֹת ד' וַתִּלְךָ אַחֲרֵי הַבְּעֻלִּים: וַעֲתָה שְׁלַח קִבְּץ אֵלַי אֶת כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל הַר הַכַּרְמֶל וְאֶת נְבִיאֵי הַבַּעַל אַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת וְנְבִיאֵי הָאֲשֵׁרָה אַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת אֲכָלֵי שְׁלֶחַן אֵיזֹבֶל: וַיִּשְׁלַח אַחָב בְּכָל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּקְבֹּץ אֶת הַנְּבִיאִים אֶל הַר הַכַּרְמֶל: וַיִּגַּשׁ אֱלֹהֵיו אֶל כָּל הָעָם וַיֹּאמֶר עַד מָתַי אַתֶּם פֹּסְחִים עַל שְׁתֵּי הַסַּעֲפִים אִם ד' הָא-לֹהִים לָכֵן אַחֲרָיו וְאִם הַבַּעַל לָכֵן אַחֲרָיו וְלֹא עָנּוּ הָעָם אֹתוֹ דְּבַר: וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהֵיו אֶל הָעָם אֲנִי נֹתַרְתִּי נְבִיא לְד' לְבִדִּי וְנְבִיאֵי הַבַּעַל אַרְבַּע מֵאוֹת וְחַמְשִׁים אִישׁ: וַיִּתְּנוּ לָנוּ שְׁנַיִם פָּרִים וַיִּבְחָרוּ לָהֶם הַפָּר הָאֶחָד וַיִּנְתְּחוּהוּ וַיִּשְׂמִימוּ עַל הָעֵצִים וְאִשׁ לֹא יִשְׂמִימוּ וְאֲנִי אֶעֱשֶׂה | אֶת-הַפָּר הָאֶחָד וְנִתְתִּי עַל הָעֵצִים וְאִשׁ לֹא אֲשִׂים: וַקְרָאתֶם בְּשֵׁם אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְאֲנִי אֶקְרָא בְּשֵׁם ד' וְהָיָה הָא-לֹהִים אֲשֶׁר יַעֲנֶה בְּאִשׁ הוּא הָא-לֹהִים וַיַּעַן כָּל הָעָם וַיֹּאמְרוּ טוֹב הַדְּבַר: וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהֵיו לְנְבִיאֵי הַבַּעַל בַּחֲרוּ לָכֶם הַפָּר הָאֶחָד וַעֲשׂוּ רֵאשֻׁנָּה כִּי אַתֶּם הָרַבִּים וַקְרָאוּ בְּשֵׁם אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וְאִשׁ לֹא תִשְׂמִימוּ: וַיִּקְחוּ אֶת הַפָּר אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָהֶם וַיַּעֲשׂוּ וַיִּקְרָאוּ בְּשֵׁם הַבַּעַל מִהַבְּקָר וְעַד הַצֹּהָרִים לֵאמֹר הַבַּעַל עֲנֵנוּ וְאִין קוֹל וְאִין עֲנָה וַיִּפְסְחוּ עַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה: וַיְהִי בַצֹּהָרִים וַיְהִי הַתֵּל בָּהֶם אֱלֹהֵיו וַיֹּאמֶר קְרָאוּ בְּקוֹל גְּדוֹל כִּי אֱלֹהִים הוּא כִּי שִׁיחַ וְכִי שִׁיג לוֹ וְכִי דֶרֶךְ לוֹ אוֹלֵי יִשָּׁן הוּא וַיִּקְקֹץ: וַיִּקְרָאוּ בְּקוֹל גְּדוֹל וַיִּתְגַּדְּדוּ כַּמִּשְׁפָּט בַּחֲרָבוֹת וּבְרַמְחִים עַד שֶׁפֶךְ דָּם עֲלֵיהֶם: וַיְהִי כַּעֲבַר הַצֹּהָרִים וַיִּתְנַבְּאוּ עַד לַעֲלוֹת הַמִּנְחָה וְאִין קוֹל וְאִין עֲנָה וְאִין קֶשֶׁב: וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהֵיו לְכָל הָעָם גִּשׁוּ אֵלַי וַיִּגִּשׁוּ כָל הָעָם אֵלָיו וַיִּרְפָּא אֶת מִזְבֵּחַ ד' הַהָרוּס: וַיִּקַּח אֱלֹהֵיו שְׁתֵּים עָשָׂר אַבְנִים כַּמִּסְפָּר שְׁבֻטֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר הָיָה דְבַר ד' אֵלָיו לֵאמֹר יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהִי שִׁמְךָ: וַיִּבְנֶה אֶת הָאַבְנִים מִזְבֵּחַ בְּשֵׁם ד' וַיַּעַשׂ תְּעֵלָה כְּבֵית סָאֲתִים זָרַע סָבִיב לְמִזְבֵּחַ: וַיַּעֲרֹךְ אֶת הָעֵצִים וַיִּנְתַּח אֶת הַפָּר וַיִּשֶׂם עַל הָעֵצִים: וַיֹּאמֶר מִלֹּא אַרְבָּעָה כַּדִּים מִיָּם וַיִּצְקוּ עַל הָעֵלָה וְעַל הָעֵצִים וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁנוֹ וַיִּשְׁנוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁלֹשׁ וַיִּשְׁלֹשׁ: וַיִּלְכוּ הַמַּיִם סָבִיב לְמִזְבֵּחַ וְגַם אֶת הַתְּעֵלָה מִלֹּא מַיִם: וַיְהִי | בְּעֲלוֹת הַמִּנְחָה וַיִּגַּשׁ אֱלֹהֵיו הַנְּבִיא וַיֹּאמֶר ד' א-לֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וַיִּשְׂרָאֵל הַיּוֹם יוֹדַע כִּי אַתָּה א-לֹהִים בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֲנִי עַבְדְּךָ וּבְדַכְרְךָ עָשִׂיתִי אֶת כָּל הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה: עֲנֵנִי ד' עֲנֵנִי וַיִּדְעוּ הָעָם הַזֶּה כִּי אַתָּה ד' הָא-לֹהִים וְאַתָּה הַסַּבְּתָ אֶת לְבָם אַחֲרֵינִי: וַתִּפֹּל אִשׁ ד' וַתֹּאכַל אֶת הָעֵלָה וְאֶת הָעֵצִים וְאֶת הָאַבְנִים וְאֶת הָעֶפֶר וְאֶת הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר בַּתְּעֵלָה לַחֲכָה: וַיִּרְא כָּל הָעָם וַיִּפְּלוּ עַל פְּנֵיהֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ ד' הוּא הָא-לֹהִים ד' הוּא הָא-לֹהִים: וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהֵיו לָהֶם תִּפְּשׂוּ | אֶת נְבִיאֵי הַבַּעַל אִישׁ אֶל יָמָלֶט מֵהֶם וַיִּתְּפְּשׂוּם וַיִּזְרְדִם אֱלֹהֵיו אֶל נַחַל קִישׁוֹן וַיִּשְׁחָטֶם שָׁם: וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהֵיו לְאַחָב עֲלֶה אֲכַל וְשִׁתֶּה כִּי קוֹל הַמוֹן הַגָּשָׁם: וַיַּעֲלֶה אַחָב לְאָכַל וּלְשִׁתוֹת וְאֱלֹהֵיו עָלָה אֶל רֹאשׁ הַכַּרְמֶל וַיִּגְהַר אַרְצָה וַיִּשֶׂם פָּנָיו בֵּין בְּרָפְיוֹ: וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל נַעֲרוֹ עֲלֶה נָא הַבֵּט דֶּרֶךְ יָם וַיַּעַל וַיִּבֵט וַיֹּאמֶר אִין מְאוּמָה וַיֹּאמֶר שָׁב שְׁבַע פְּעָמִים: וַיְהִי בְּשִׁבְעִית וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה עֵב קִטְנָה כִּכְף אִישׁ עָלָה מִיָּם וַיֹּאמֶר עֲלֶה אָמַר אֶל אַחָב אֲסֹר וְרַד וְלֹא יַעֲצֹרְכָה הַגָּשָׁם: וַיְהִי | עַד כֹּה וְעַד כֹּה וְהַשְּׁמַיִם הִתְקַדְּדוּ עֲבִים וְרוּחַ וַיְהִי גֶשֶׁם גְּדוֹל וַיִּרְכַּב אַחָב וַיִּלְךָ יְזַרְעֵאלָה: וַיֵּד ד' הֵיְתָה אֶל אֱלֹהֵיו וַיִּשְׁנֶם מִתְּנִיּוֹ וַיִּרְץ לְפָנָי אַחָב עַד בְּאֶכָה יְזַרְעֵאלָה: מַלְכִים א

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And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, Are you he who troubles Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but you, and your father's house, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the L-rd, and you have followed Baalim. And therefore send, and gather to me all Israel to Mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the Ashera four hundred, who eat at Jezebel's table. And Ahab sent to all the people of Israel, and gathered the prophets together in Mount Carmel. And Elijah came to all the people, and said, How long will you hobble (jump) between two opinions? If the L-rd is G-d, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. - And the people answered him not a word. Then said Elijah to the people, I am the only remaining prophet of the L-rd; - but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. Let them therefore give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under; And call you on the name of your gods,

and I will call on the name of the L-rd; and the G-d that answers by fire, let him be G-d. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken. And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose one bull for yourselves, and prepare it first; for you are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under. And they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any who answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud; for he is a god; either he is musing, or he has gone aside, or he is in a journey, or perhaps he sleeps, and must be awakened. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their custom with knives and lances, till the blood gushed out upon them. And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was no voice, no one answered, nor any who regarded. - And Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the L-rd that was broken down. - And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the L-rd came, saying, Israel shall be your name; And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the L-rd; and he made a ditch about the altar, as great as would contain [the area in which one would plant] two measures (s'oh) of seed. - And he put the wood pile in order, and cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, Fill four jars with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time. And the water ran around the altar; and he filled the ditch also with water. - And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, L-rd G-d of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that You are G-d in Israel, and that I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. - Hear me, O L-rd, hear me, that this people may know that You are the L-rd G-d, and that You have turned their heart back (again). Then the fire of the L-rd fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood pile, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the ditch. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, The L-rd, he is the G-d; the L-rd, he is the G-d. - And Elijah said to them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them; and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there. - And Elijah said to Ahab, Get up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of the rumbling of the rain. And Ahab went up to eat and to drink. - And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he threw himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there arises a little cloud from the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say to Ahab, Prepare your chariot, and get down, that the rain should not stop you. And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the sky was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. And the hand of the L-rd was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

### **Kings I 18:17-46**

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וַיִּמְלֹךְ יְהוֹשָׁפָט בְּנוֹ תַחְתִּיו וַיִּתְחַזַּק עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל: וַיִּתֵּן חֵיל בְּכָל עָרֵי יְהוּדָה הַבְּצֻרוֹת וַיִּתֵּן נְצִיבִים בְּאֶרֶץ יְהוּדָה וּבְעָרֵי אֶפְרַיִם אֲשֶׁר לְכַד אֶסָּא אָבִיו: וַיְהִי ד' עִם יְהוֹשָׁפָט כִּי הִלֵּךְ בְּדַרְכֵי דָוִד אָבִיו הֲרֹאשְׁנָיִם וְלֹא דָרַשׁ לְבַעָלִים: כִּי לֹא-לֵהִי אָבִיו דָּרַשׁ וּבִמְצוֹתָיו הִלֵּךְ וְלֹא כַמַּעֲשֵׂה יִשְׂרָאֵל: וַיְכֵן ד' אֶת הַמַּמְלָכָה בְּיָדוֹ וַיִּתְּנוּ כָל יְהוּדָה מִנְחָה לַיהוֹשָׁפָט וַיְהִי לוֹ עֶשֶׂר וּכְבוֹד לְרַב: וַיִּגְבַּה לְבוֹ בְּדַרְכֵי ד' וְעוֹד הִסִּיר אֶת הַבְּמוֹת וְאֶת הָאֲשֵׁרִים מִיְהוּדָה: וּבִשְׁנַת שְׁלוֹשׁ לְמַלְכוֹ שָׁלַח לְשָׂרָיו לֵבֶן חֵיל וּלְעַבְדֵיהָ וּלְזִכְרֵיהָ וּלְנִתְנָאֵל וּלְמִיכָיָהוּ לְלַמֵּד בְּעָרֵי יְהוּדָה: וְעַמְהֵם הַלְוִיִּם שִׁמְעֵיהוּ וּנְתַנְיָהוּ וּזְבֻדֵיהוּ וְעִשָׂהאֵל וּשְׁמִירְמוֹת

וַיְהוֹנָתָן וְאֲדֹנְיָהוּ וְטוֹבְיָהוּ וְטוֹבְיָהוּ וְטוֹב אֲדֹנְיָה הַלְוִיִּם וְעַמְהֵם אֲלִישָׁמַע וַיְהוֹרָם הַכֹּהֲנִים: וַיִּלְמְדוּ בַיהוּדָה וְעַמְהֵם סֵפֶר תּוֹרַת ד' וַיִּסְבוּ בְּכָל עָרֵי יְהוּדָה וַיִּלְמְדוּ בָעָם: וַיְהִי | פָּחַד ד' עַל כָּל מְמַלְכוֹת הָאָרְצוֹת אֲשֶׁר סְבִיבוֹת יְהוּדָה וְלֹא נִלְחְמוּ עִם יְהוֹשָׁפָט: וּמִן פְּלִשְׁתִּים מְבִיאִים לַיהוֹשָׁפָט מִנְחָה וְכֶסֶף מִשָּׂא גַם הָעַרְבִיאִים מְבִיאִים לוֹ צֹאן אֵילִים שְׂבַעַת אֲלָפִים וְשִׁבְעַת מֵאוֹת וְתִישִׁים שְׂבַעַת אֲלָפִים וְשִׁבְעַת מֵאוֹת: וַיְהִי יְהוֹשָׁפָט הַלֵּךְ וְגָדֵל עַד לְמַעְלָה וַיִּכֶן בַּיהוּדָה בִּיָּנִיּוֹת וְעָרֵי מְסֻכּוֹת: וּמִלְאָכָה רַבָּה הָיָה לוֹ בְּעָרֵי יְהוּדָה וְאֲנָשֵׁי מִלְחָמָה גְבוּרֵי חֵיל בִּירוּשָׁלַם: דברי הימים ב יז:א-יג

And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Israel. - And he placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. And the L-rd was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and did not seek the Baalim; But sought the L-rd G-d of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not according to the doings of Israel. And the L-rd established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honor in abundance. And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the L-rd; moreover he took away the high places and the Asherim from Judah. And in the third year of his reign he sent his princes, Benhail, Obadiah, Zechariah, and Nethaneel, and Michaiiah, to teach in the cities of Judah. And with them he sent the Levites Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobiahu, and Tob-Adonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests. And they taught in Judah, and had the Book of the Torah of the L-rd with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people. And the fear of the L-rd fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat. Also some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and silver for tribute; and the Arabs brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred male goats. And Jehoshaphat grew very great; and he built in Judah fortresses, and storage cities. And he had much business in the cities of Judah; and men of war, mighty men of valor, were in Jerusalem.

**Chronicles II 17:1-13**

TIMELINE (ACCORDING TO THE GAON OF VILNA)

<u>DATE</u> (סדר עולם)	<u>KINGS OF JUDAH</u>	<u>KINGS OF ISRAEL</u>
835 BCE - ב' תתקכ"ה	Solomon שלמה	Solomon שלמה
795 BCE - ב' תתקס"ה	Rehoboam רְחֹבָעַם	Jeroboam יֶרְבֹּעַם בֶּן נְבַט
778 BCE - ב' תתקפ"ב	Abijam אֲבִיָּאִים	
775 BCE - ב' תתקפ"ה	Asa אָסָא	
774 BCE - ב' תתקפ"ד		Nadab נָדָב בֶּן יֶרְבֹּעַם
773 BCE - ב' תתקפ"ג		Baasha בַּעְשָׁא בֶּן אֲחִיָּה
750 BCE - ג' י'		Elah אֵלָה בֶּן בַּעְשָׁא
749 BCE - ג' י"א		Zimri זִמְרִי
749 BCE - ג' י"א		Omri עֹמְרִי
738 BCE - ג' כ"ב		Ahab אַחָאָב בֶּן עֹמְרִי
734 BCE - ג' כ"ד	Jehoshaphat יְהוֹשָׁפָט	
717 BCE - ג' מ"ג		Ahaziah אֲחַזְיָהוּ בֶּן אַחָאָב
716 BCE - ג' מ"ד		Jehoram יְהוֹרָם בֶּן אַחָאָב
709 BCE - ג' נ"א	Jehoram יְהוֹרָם	
705 BCE - ג' נ"ה	Ahaziah אֲחַזְיָהוּ	
704 BCE - ג' נ"ו	Athaliah עֲתַלְיָהוּ בַת אַחָאָב	Jehu יְהוּא בֶּן יְהוֹשָׁפָט
698 BCE - ג' ס"ב	Joash יוֹאָשׁ בֶּן אֲחַזְיָהוּ	
676 BCE - ג' פ"ד		Jehoahaz יְהוֹאָחָז בֶּן יְהוּא
659 BCE - ג' ק"א		Jehoash יְהוֹאָשׁ בֶּן יְהוֹאָחָז
658 BCE - ג' ק"ב	Amaziah אַמְצִיָּה	
645 BCE - ג' קט"ו		Jeroboam יֶרְבֹּעַם בֶּן יוֹאָשׁ
630 BCE - ג' ק"ל	Azariah (עוזיה) עֲזַרְיָה	
607 BCE - ג' קנ"ג		Zechariah זְכַרְיָהוּ בֶּן יֶרְבֹּעַם
606 BCE - ג' קנ"ד		Shallum שְׁלוֹם בֶּן יְבֹשָׁפָט
606 BCE - ג' קנ"ד		Menahem מְנַחֵם בֶּן גְּדִי
596 BCE - ג' קס"ד		Pekahiah פְּקַחְיָה בֶּן מְנַחֵם
594 BCE - ג' קס"ו		Pekah פְּקַח בֶּן רַמְלֵיָהוּ
593 BCE - ג' קס"ז	Jotham יוֹתָם	
577 BCE - ג' קפ"ג	Ahaz אַחָז	
574 BCE - ג' קפ"ו		Hoshea הוֹשֵׁעַ בֶּן אֵלָה
561 BCE - ג' קצ"ט	Hezekiah חֲזַקְיָהוּ	
555 BCE - ג' ר"ה	גלות של עשרת השבטים	End of the Monarchy in Israel
532 BCE - ג' רכ"ח	Manasseh מְנַשֶּׁה	
477 BCE - ג' רפ"ג	Amon אָמוֹן	
475 BCE - ג' רפ"ה	Josiah יֹאשִׁיָּהוּ	
444 BCE - ג' שט"ז	Jehoahaz יְהוֹאָחָז	
444 BCE - ג' שט"ז	Jehoiakim יְהוֹיָקִים	
433 BCE - ג' שכ"ז	Jehoiachin יְהוֹיָכִין	
432 BCE - ג' שכ"ח	Zedekiah צְדַקְיָהוּ	
421 BCE - ג' של"ט	חורבן הבית וגלות יהודה	End of the Monarchy in Judah