

(idol images), and Asherim [Canaanite female nature idols] on every high hill, and under every thickly foliated green tree.

|24| And there were also kadesh (male and female cult prostitutes) in the land; and they did according to all the to'avot (abominations) of the Goyim which Hashem drove out before the Bnei Yisroel.

|25| And it came to pass in the fifth year of Melech Rechav`am, that Shishak Melech Mitzrayim came up against Yerushalayim;

|26| And he carried away the otzarot of the Beis Hashem, and the otzarot of the Bais HaMelech; he even carried away everything; and he carried away all the moginnim (shields) of zahav which Shlomo had made.

|27| And Melech Rechav`am made in their place moginnim of nechoshet, and committed them unto the hands of the commanders of the guard, which were the shomrim at the petach of the Bais HaMelech.

|28| And it was so, when HaMelech went into the Beis Hashem, that those on guard duty bore them, and brought them back into the guard room.

|29| Now the rest of the acts of Rechav`am, and all that he did, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L'Malkhei Yehudah?

|30| And there was milchamah between Rechav`am and Yarov`am all their yamim (days).

|31| And Rechav`am slept with his avot, and was buried with his avot in Ir Dovid. And the shem immo was Na'amah HaAmmonit (an Ammonite). And Aviyam bno reigned in his place.[*T.N. 1Kgs 15:2, 10 refers to [grand] daughter.*]

15 Now in the eighteenth year of Melech Yarov`am Ben Nevat reigned Aviyam over Yehudah.

|2| Shalosh shanim reigned he in Yerushalayim. And shem immo was Ma'achah Bat Avishalom.

|3| And he walked in all the chattot Aviv, which he had done before him; and his lev was not shalem (fully devoted) to Hashem Elohav, as the levav Dovid Aviv.

|4| Nevertheless l'ma'an Dovid (for the sake of Dovid) did Hashem Elohav give him a ner (lamp) in Yerushalayim, to raise up Bno after him, and to establish Yerushalayim;

|5| Because Dovid did that which was yashar in the eyes of Hashem, and turned not aside from any thing that He commanded him all the days of his life, except only in the matter of Uriyah HaChitti (the Hittite).

|6| And there was milchamah between Rechav`am and Yarov`am all the days of his life.

|7| Now the rest of the acts of Aviyam, and all that he did, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L'Malkhei Yehudah? And there was milchamah between Aviyam and Yarov`am.

|8| And Aviyam slept with his avot; and they buried him in Ir Dovid; and Asa Bno reigned in his place.

|9| And in the twentieth year of Yarov`am Melech Yisroel, Asa began to reign as Melech over Yehudah.

|10| And forty and one years reigned he in Yerushalayim. And shem immo was Ma'achah Bat Avishalom.

|11| And Asa did that which was yashar in the eyes of Hashem, as did Dovid Aviv.

|12| And he removed kedeshim (the male and

female cult prostitutes) out of HaAretz, and got rid of kol hagillulim (all the idols) that his avot had made.

|13| And also Ma'achah immo, even her he deposed from being Gevirah (Queen Mother), because she had made a mifletzet (idol) to Asherah; and Asa cut down her mifletzet, and burned it in the Kidron Valley.

|14| But the high places were not removed; nevertheless levav Asa was shalem with Hashem all his days.

|15| And he brought in the kodshei Aviv (the things his father had dedicated), and the things which he himself had dedicated, into the Beis Hashem, kesef, and zahav, and kelim.

|16| And there was milchamah between Asa and Ba'asha Melech Yisroel all their days.

|17| And Ba'asha Melech Yisroel went up against Yehudah, and built up Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa Melech Yehudah.

|18| Then Asa took all the kesef and the zahav that were left in the otzarot of the Beis Hashem, and the otzarot of the Bais HaMelech, and delivered them into the yad of his avadim; and HaMelech Asa sent them to Ben-Hadad, Ben Tavrimmon Ben Chezron Melech Aram, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

|19| There is a brit between me and thee, and between Avi and Avicha; hinei, I send unto thee a sho Chad (incentive kind of gift) of kesef and zahav; come, break thy brit with Ba'asha Melech Yisroel, that he may withdraw from me.

|20| So Ben-Hadad paid heed unto HaMelech Asa, and sent the commanders of his forces against the towns of Yisroel, and struck Iyon, and