

delivered them into their yad.
 |17| And Aviyah and his army slaughtered them with a makkah rabbah (great slaughter); so there fell down slain of Yisroel five hundred thousand ish bachur.
 |18| Thus the Bnei Yisroel were subdued at that time, and the Bnei Yehudah prevailed, because they relied upon Hashem Elohei Avoteihem.
 |19| And Aviyah pursued after Yarov'am, and took cities from him: Beit-El with the towns thereof, and Yeshanah with the villages thereof, and Ephrayim with the villages thereof.
 |20| Neither did Yarov'am recover ko'ach again in the days of Aviyah; and Hashem struck him, and he died.
 |21| But Aviyah grew strong, and married fourteen nashim, and fathered twenty and two banim, and sixteen banot.
 |22| And the rest of the acts of Aviyah, and his deeds, and his words, are written in the Midrash HaNavi Iddo.

14 (13:23) So Aviyah slept with Avotav, and they buried him in Ir Dovid, and Asa bno reigned in his place. In his days HaAretz was at peace eser shanim.

|2| (14:1) And Asa did that which was hatov and yashar in the eyes of Hashem Elohav;
 |3| (14:2) For he took away the mizbechot hanekhar (foreign altars), and the high places, and smashed the matzevot, and cut down the Asherim;
 |4| (14:3) And commanded Yehudah to seek Hashem Elohei Avoteihem, and to observe the Torah and the Mitzvah.
 |5| (14:4) Also he took away out of all the towns of Yehudah the high places and the chammanim (sun-pillar

idols); and the mamlachah was at peace under him.

|6| (14:5) And he built arei metzurah in Yehudah; for HaAretz was at peace, and he had no milchanah in those years, because Hashem had given him rest.

|7| (14:6) Therefore he said unto Yehudah, Let us build up these cities, and make about them chomah, and migdalim, gates, and bars. HaAretz is yet before us, because we have sought Hashem Eloheinu, we have sought Him, and He hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.

|8| (14:7) And Asa had an army of men that bore shields and spears, out of Yehudah three hundred thousand; and out of Binyamin, that bore mogen and drew keshet (bow), two hundred and fourscore elef; all these were gibborei chayil.

|9| (14:8) And there came out against them Zerach HaCushi with a host of elef alafim, and three hundred merkavot; and came as far as Mareshah.

|10| (14:9) Then Asa went out against him, and they took up position for the milchamah in the valley of Zephatah at Mareshah.

|11| (14:10) And Asa cried unto Hashem Elohav, and said, Hashem, there is none besides Thee to help, whether with rav, or with them that have no ko'ach. Help us, Hashem Eloheinu, for we rely on Thee; in Shimecha we go against this multitude. Hashem Thou art Eloheinu; let no enosh prevail against Thee.

|12| (14:11) So Hashem struck down HaCushim before Asa, and before Yehudah, and HaCushim fled.

|13| (14:12) And Asa and HaAm that were with him pursued them as far as

Gerar, and HaCushim fell, until they could not survive, for they were crushed before Hashem, and before His Machaneh. They carried off very much plunder.

|14| (14:13) And they destroyed all the towns around Gerar; for the Pachad Hashem fell upon them, and they plundered all the towns, for there was exceeding much booty in them.

|15| (14:14) They attacked also the ohalim of herdsmen, and carried off tzon and gemalim in abundance, and returned to Yerushalayim.

15 And the Ruach Elohim came upon Azaryahu ben Oded;

|2| And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and kol Yehudah and Binyamin. Hashem is with you, while ye be with Him; if ye seek Him, He will be found of you; if ye forsake Him, He will forsake you.
 |3| Now for yamim rabbim Yisroel hath been without the Elohei Emes, and without a Kohen Moreh, and without Torah.

|4| But when they in their tzoros did turn unto Hashem Elohei Yisroel, and sought Him, He was found by them.

|5| And in those times there was no shalom to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but mehumot rabbot (great turmoil) was upon all the inhabitants of the lands.

|6| And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city, for Elohim did trouble them with every tzuris.

|7| Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak, for there is sachar (reward) for your pe'ulah (work).