



Melachim I Perek 15

- The split in the kingship between Yisrael and Yehudah continued.
- Aviyam, son of Rechavom, ruled over Yehudah for 3 years, until his death.
- Aviyam did not follow in the ways of Hashem. (Note: meforshim explain that it's not that Aviyam did evil, but rather that Aviyam did not improve the moral status of Yehudah, and therefore it was considered as if Aviyam perpetrated evil.)
- Assa, Aviyam's son, ruled next over Yehuda for 41 years.
- Assa majorly improved the moral state of Yehudah and was vigilant against the harlotry and idol worship that was rampant.
- However, Assa was not able to rid Yehudah fully of worship on forbidden private altars.
- Assa maintained the wealth of the Beis Hamikdash.
- Ba'sha ruled over Yisrael.
- There was constant strife between Ba'sha and Assa.
- Assa elicited the help of Ben Haddad, King of Aram, in defeating Ba'sha. Haddad was bribed with the treasures of the Beis Hamikdash.
- Assa's son Yehoshaphat ruled over Yehudah next.
- Ba'sha, king of Yisrael, wiped out the family of Yeravam ben Nevat in accordance with curse of Achiya HaShiloni.
- Ba'sha ruled over Yisrael for 24 years and caused Yisrael to sin.
- Lineage of Yehudah so far: Dovid, Shlomo, Rechavam, Aviyam, Assa and Yehoshaphat.
- Lineage of Yisrael so far: Yiravam, Nadav and Ba'sha.