I KINGS 15; May 24; Kings Abijah, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Baasha

ANALYSIS: 1. How is the spiritual walk of Abijah, son of Rehoboam, king of Judah, described?
2.What is said about the walk of Asa who reigned after Abijah?
3. What king and nation did Asa hire to drive Israel back from building Ramah near Jerusalem?
4. Who followed Asa as king over Judah?
5. After Nadab had reigned 2 years over Israel, who slew him and reigned in his stead?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

King Asa of Judah faced the threat of King Baasha of Israel building a frontier fortress at Ramah just a few miles north of Jerusalem. This fort would greatly limit Asa's access to trade and merchantmen passing near Jerusalem. At great cost, Asa hired the Syrians under Benhadad to come to his aid. Do you wish, as I do, that we could read that he had called on the LORD God of Israel to take care of them instead of surrendering all their remaining silver and gold to a foreign power?

Do you automatically turn to the LORD in prayer in every circumstance? Cultivate this habit by taking the next decision you must make to the LORD in prayer before making the decision.

HELP:

- 1. He walked in all the sins of his father, and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God as the heart of David his father (v 3).
- 2. He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father (v 11).
- 3. King Benhadad of Syria (vs 18-20).
- 4. Jehoshaphat (v 24).
- 5. Baasha (vs 27-28).