

The Test of Success



2 Chronicles 14:2 NIV

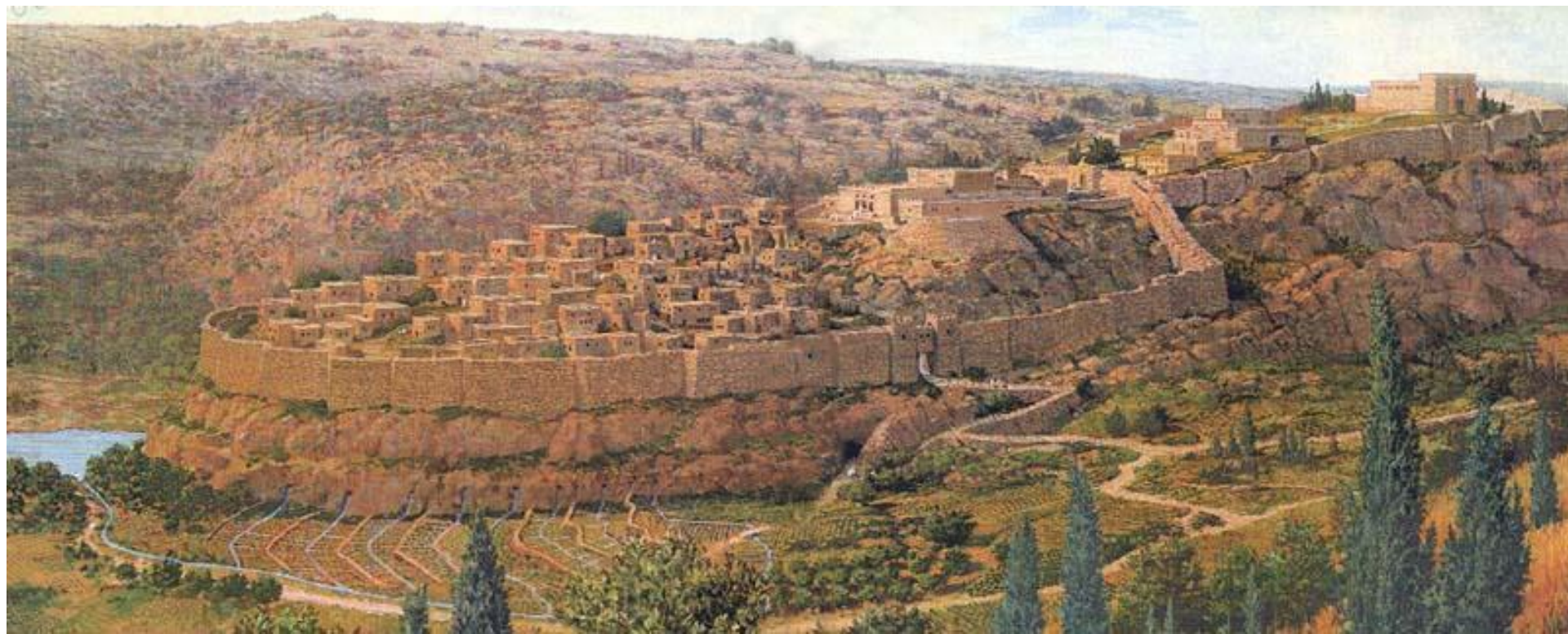
*Asa did what was good and right in the eyes
of the LORD his God.*

Off to a great start!

- Purged pagan practices
- Commanded Judah to seek the LORD
- Cleaned up worship practices in towns and villages
- Built up fortified cities and army

2 Chronicles 14:7 NIV

“Let us build up these towns,” he said to Judah, “and put walls around them, with towers, gates and bars. The land is still ours, because we have sought the LORD our God; we sought him and he has given us rest on every side.” So they built and prospered.



2 Chronicles 14:11 NIV

“LORD, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, LORD our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast army. LORD, you are our God; do not let mere mortals prevail against you.”

2 Chronicles 15:1-2 NIV

The Spirit of God came on Azariah son of Oded. He went out to meet Asa and said to him, “Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you.”

2 Chronicles 15:3-6 NIV

“For a long time Israel was without the true God, without a priest to teach and without the law. But in their distress they turned to the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him, and he was found by them. In those days it was not safe to travel about, for all the inhabitants of the lands were in great turmoil. One nation was being crushed by another and one city by another, because God was troubling them with every kind of distress.”

2 Chronicles 15:7 NIV

“But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.”



2 Chronicles 15:17b-18 NIV

Asa's heart was fully committed to the LORD all his life. He brought into the temple of God the silver and gold and the articles that he and his father had dedicated.



2 Chronicles 15:12 NIV

They entered into a covenant to seek the LORD, the God of their ancestors, with all their heart and soul.

2 Chronicles 15:14-15 NIV

They took an oath to the LORD with loud acclamation, with shouting and with trumpets and horns. All Judah rejoiced about the oath because they had sworn it wholeheartedly. They sought God eagerly, and he was found by them. So the LORD gave them rest on every side.

