

# 6.3 - The Missed Opportunity


## Using Allies in the North to Prevent Building

<p>טו וַיָּבֵא אֶת-קִדְשֵׁי אָבִיו, וּקְדָשָׁיו (וְקִדְשֵׁי) בַּיִת יְהוָה, כֶּסֶף וְזָהָב, וְכֵלִים.</p>	<p>15 And he brought into the house of the LORD the things that his father had hallowed, and the things that himself had hallowed, silver, and gold, and vessels.</p>
<p>טז וּמִלְחָמָה הָיְתָה בֵּין אָסָא, וּבֵין בַּעֲשָׂא מֶלֶךְ- יִשְׂרָאֵל--כָּל-יְמֵיהֶם.</p>	<p>16 And there was war between Asa and Baasa king of Israel all their days.</p>
<p>יז וַיַּעַל בַּעֲשָׂא מֶלֶךְ-יִשְׂרָאֵל עַל-יְהוּדָה, וַיִּבֶן אֶת- הָרָמָה--לְבַלְתִּי, תַּת יָצֵא וָבָא, לְאָסָא, מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה.</p>	<p>17 And Baasa king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.</p>
<p>יח וַיִּקַּח אָסָא אֶת-כָּל-הַכֶּסֶף וְהַזָּהָב הַנּוֹתָרִים בְּאוֹצְרוֹת בַּיִת-יְהוָה, וְאֶת-אוֹצְרוֹת בַּיִת מֶלֶךְ (הַמֶּלֶךְ), וַיִּתְּנֵם, בְּיַד-עֲבָדָיו; וַיִּשְׁלַחֵם הַמֶּלֶךְ אָסָא, אֶל-בֶּן-הַדָּד בֶּן-טַבְרִמּוֹן בֶּן-חִזְיוֹן מֶלֶךְ אַרָם, הַיֹּשֵׁב בְּדַמַּשְׁק, לֵאמֹר.</p>	<p>18 Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants; and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Aram, that dwelt at Damascus, saying:</p>
<p>יט בְּרִית בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ, בֵּין אָבִי וּבֵין אָבִיךָ; הִנֵּה שָׁלַחְתִּי לְךָ שְׁחָד, כֶּסֶף וְזָהָב--לְךָ הַפְּרָה אֶת-בְּרִיתְךָ אֶת-בַּעֲשָׂא מֶלֶךְ-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וַיַּעֲלֶה מֵעָלַי.</p>	<p>19 "There is a league between me and thee, between my father and thy father; behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasa king of Israel, that he may depart from me."</p>

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<p>כ וישמע בן-הדד אל-המלך אסא, וישלח את-שָׂרֵי הַחַיִּלִּים אֲשֶׁר-לוֹ עַל-עַרְי יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְיָד אֶת-עֵינֹן וְאֶת-דָּן, וְאֶת אָבֶל בֵּית-מִעֶכָּה; וְאֶת, כָּל-כְּנָרוֹת, עַל, כָּל-אֶרֶץ נַפְתָּלִי.</p>	<p>20 And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maacah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.</p>
<p>כא ויהי, כששמע בעשא, ויחדל, מבנות את-הרמה; וישב, בתרצה.</p>	<p>21 And it came to pass, when Baasa heard thereof, that he left off building Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah.</p>
<p>כב והמלך אסא השמיע את-כל-יהודה, אין נקי, וישאו את-אבני הרמה ואת-עציה, אשר בנה בעשא; ויבן בם המלך אסא, את-גבע בנימן ואת-המצפה.</p>	<p>22 Then king Asa made a proclamation unto all Judah; none was exempted; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasa had builded; and king Asa built therewith Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.</p>
<p>כג ויתר כל-דברי-אסא וכל-גבורתו וכל-אשר עשה, והערים אשר בנה--הלא-המה כתובים על-ספר דברי הימים, למלכי יהודה; רק לעת זקנתו, חלה את-רגליו.</p>	<p>23 Now the rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet.</p>
<p>כד וישכב אסא, עם-אבתיו, ויקבר עם-אבתיו, בעיר דוד אביו; וימלך יהושפט בנו, תחתיו. {פ}</p>	<p>24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead. {P}</p>

**What is Baasha building?**

1. Metzudos 15:17


את הרמה. מגדל גבוה בנה מול שערי ירושלים, להשליך ממנו אבנים ליוצא ולבא:

**What does it mean: Ein Naki?**

2. Rashi 15:22

אין נקי. אפילו חתן מחדרו, שנאמר בו (דברים כד ה): נקי יהיה לביתו שנה אחת:

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3. II Divrei Hayamim 14

understand

<p>א וַיַּעַשׂ אָסָא הַטּוֹב וְהַיָּשָׁר, בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהָיו.</p>	<p>1 And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God;</p>
<p>ב וַיִּסֶר אֶת-מִזְבְּחוֹת הַנֶּכֶר, וְהַבְּמוֹת; וַיִּשְׁבֵּר, אֶת-הַמִּצְבֹּת, וַיִּגְדַּע, אֶת-הָאֲשֵׁרִים.</p>	<p>2 for he took away the strange altars, and the high places, and broke down the pillars, and hewed down the Asherim;</p>
<p>ג וַיֹּאמֶר, לְיְהוּדָה, לְדְרוֹשׁ, אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵיהֶם--וְלַעֲשׂוֹת, הַתּוֹרָה וְהַמִּצְוָה.</p>	<p>3 and commanded Judah to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.</p>

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ד וַיִּסַר מִכָּל-עָרֵי יְהוּדָה, אֶת-הַבְּמוֹת וְאֶת-הַחֲמֻנִים; וְתִשְׁקֹט הַמְּמֻלְכָה, לְפָנָיו.	4 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun-images; and the kingdom was quiet before him.
ה וַיִּבֶן עָרֵי מְצוּרָה, בְּיְהוּדָה: כִּי-שָׁקֵטָה הָאָרֶץ, וְאֵין-עֲמוּ מְלָחָמָה בְּשָׁנִים הָאֵלֶּה--כִּי-הִנִּיחַ יְהוָה, לוֹ.	5 And he built fortified cities in Judah; for the land was quiet, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest.
ו וַיֹּאמֶר לְיְהוּדָה נִבְנֶה אֶת-הָעָרִים הָאֵלֶּה, וְנָסַב חוֹמָה וּמִגְדָּלִים דְּלִתִּים וּבְרִיחִים, עוֹדְנֵנו הָאָרֶץ לְפָנֵינוּ כִּי דָרְשָׁנוּ אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ, דָּרְשָׁנוּ וַיִּנַּח לָנוּ מִסָּבִיב; וַיִּבְנֵנו, וַיִּצְלַחֵנו. {פ}	6 For he said unto Judah: 'Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars; the land is yet before us, because we have sought the LORD our God; we have sought Him, and He hath given us rest on every side.' So they built and prospered. {P}
ז וַיְהִי לְאַסָּא, חֵיל נְשֵׂא צִנָּה וְרִמָּח, מִיְהוּדָה שְׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת אָלֶף, {ס} וּמִבְּנֵימֵן נְשֵׂאֵי מִגֹּן וְדָרְכֵי קִשְׁת מֵאֲתִים וּשְׂמוֹנִים אָלֶף: כָּל-אֵלֶּה, גְּבוּרֵי חֵיל.	7 And Asa had an army that bore bucklers and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; {S} and out of Benjamin, that bore shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand; all these were mighty men of valour.
ח וַיֵּצֵא אֲלֵיהֶם זֶרַח הַכּוּשִׁי, בְּחֵיל אָלֶף אָלֶף, וּמִרְכָּבוֹת, שְׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת; וַיָּבֵא, עַד-מַרְשָׁה.	8 And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an army of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and he came unto Mareshah.
ט וַיֵּצֵא אֶסָּא, לְפָנָיו; וַיַּעֲרֹכוּ, מְלַחְמָה, בְּגֵיא צִפְתָּה, לְמַרְשָׁה.	9 Then Asa went out to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephath at Mareshah.
י וַיִּקְרָא אֶסָּא אֶל-יְהוָה אֱלֹהָיו, וַיֹּאמֶר, יְהוָה אֵין-עִמָּךְ לְעֹז בֵּין רַב לְאֵין כַּח, עֲזָרְנוּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ כִּי-עָלִיד נִשְׁעַנּוּ וּבִשְׂמֹךְ בָּאֵנוּ עַל-הַהֲמוֹן הַזֶּה: יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֲתָהּ, אֵל-יַעֲצֹר עִמָּךְ אָנוּשׁ. {ס}	10 And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said: 'LORD, there is none beside Thee to help, between the mighty and him that hath no strength; help us, O LORD our God; for we rely on Thee, and in Thy name are we come against this multitude. Thou art the LORD our God; let not man prevail against Thee.' {S}
יא וַיִּגַּף יְהוָה אֶת-הַכּוּשִׁים, לְפָנֵי אֶסָּא וּלְפָנֵי יְהוּדָה; וַיִּנְסוּ, הַכּוּשִׁים.	11 So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.
יב וַיִּרְדְּפֵם אֶסָּא וְהָעָם אַחֲרָיו-עֲמוּ, עַד-לְגֶרָר, וַיִּפֹּל מִכּוּשִׁים לְאֵין לָהֶם מִחֵיָה, כִּי-נִשְׁבְּרוּ לְפָנֵי-יְהוָה וּלְפָנֵי מַחֲנֵהוּ; וַיִּשְׂאוּ שְׁלָל, הַרְבֵּה מְאֹד.	12 And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar; and there fell of the Ethiopians so that none remained alive; for they were shattered before the LORD, and before His host; and they carried away very much booty.
יג וַיַּכּוּ, אֶת כָּל-הָעָרִים סְבִיבוֹת גֶּרָר--כִּי-הָיָה פַחַד-יְהוָה, עֲלֵיהֶם; וַיִּבְזּוּ, אֶת-כָּל-הָעָרִים, כִּי-בָזָה רַבָּה, הַיְתֵהָ בָהֶם.	13 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for a terror from the LORD came upon them; and they spoiled all the cities; for there was much spoil in them.
יד וְגַם-אֶהְלִי מִקְנֵה, הַכּוֹ; וַיִּשְׁבּוּ צֹאן לְרֹב וְגַמְלִים, וַיִּשְׁבּוּ יְרוּשָׁלַם. {ס}	14 They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep in abundance and camels, and returned to Jerusalem. {S}

### Asa as a unifying leader

Yonatan:

4. I Shmuel 14:6


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וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹנָתָן אֶל-הַנֶּעֱרָר | נָשָׂא כְלָיו לָכֶּה וְנַעֲבְרָה אֶל-מִצֵּב הַעֲרָלִים הָאֵלֶּה אוֹלֵי יַעֲשֶׂה יְהוָה לָנוּ כִּי אֵין לַיהוָה מַעְצוֹר  
 לְהוֹשִׁיעַ בְּרַב אוֹ בְּמִעוֹט:

Jonathan said to the attendant who carried his arms, "Come, let us cross over to the outpost of those uncircumcised fellows. Perhaps the LORD will act in our behalf, for nothing prevents the LORD from winning a victory by many or by few."

David:

5. I Shmuel 17:45


וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד אֶל-הַפִּלִּשְׁתִּי אַתָּה בָּא אֵלַי בַּחֶרֶב וּבַחֲנִית וּבַכִּידּוֹן וְאֲנִי בָא-אֵלַיִךְ בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת אֱלֹהֵי מִעֲרֹת  
 יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר חָרַפְתָּ:

David replied to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come against you in the name of the LORD of Hosts, the God of the ranks of Israel, whom you have defied.

6. II Divrei Hayamim 15

א וַעֲזַרְיָהוּ, בֶן-עֹדֵד, הִיָּתָה עָלָיו, רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים.	1 And the spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded;
ב וַיֵּצֵא, לִפְנֵי אָסָא, וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ, שְׁמַעוּנִי אָסָא וְכָל-יְהוּדָה וּבְנֵימִן: יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם, בְּהִיוֹתְכֶם עִמּוֹ, וְאִם-תִּדְרֹשׁוּהוּ יִמָּצֵא לָכֶם, וְאִם-תִּעֲזְבוּהוּ יֵעֹזֵב אֶתְכֶם. {ס}	2 and he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him: 'Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: the LORD is with you, while ye are with Him; and if ye seek Him, He will be found of you; but if ye forsake Him, He will forsake you. {S}
ג וַיְמִים רַבִּים, לְיִשְׂרָאֵל: לֹא אֱלֹהֵי אֱמֶת, וְלֹא כֹהֵן מוֹרֶה--וְלֹא תוֹרָה.	3 Now for long seasons Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law;
ד וַיִּשָּׁב, בְּצָר-לוֹ, עַל-יְהוָה, אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל; וַיִּבְקֹשׁוּהוּ, וַיִּמָּצֵא לָהֶם.	4 but when in their distress they turned unto the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found of them.
ה וּבַעֲתֵים הָהֵם, אֵין שְׁלוֹם לַיּוֹצֵא וְלַבָּא: כִּי מֵהוֹמֹת רַבּוֹת, עַל כָּל-יִשְׁבֵי הָאָרְצוֹת.	5 And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great discomfitures were upon all the inhabitants of the lands.
ו וַכָּתְתוּ גוֹי-בְּגוֹי, וְעִיר בְּעִיר: כִּי-אֱלֹהִים הִמָּמֵם, בְּכָל-צָרָה.	6 And they were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city; for God did discomfit them with all manner of adversity.
ז וְאַתֶּם חֲזָקוּ, וְאַל-יִרְפוּ יָדֵיכֶם: כִּי יֵשׁ שָׂכָר, לַפְעֻלַתְכֶם. {ס}	7 But be ye strong, and let not your hands be slack; for your work shall be rewarded.' {S}

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<p><b>ח</b> וְכִשְׁמַע אֶסָא הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה, וְהִנְבֹּאֶה עִדְד הַנְּבִיא, הִתְחַזַּק וַיַּעֲבֵר הַשְּׁקִוּיִּים מִכָּל-אֶרֶץ יְהוּדָה וּבִנְיָמִן, וּמִן-הָעָרִים אֲשֶׁר לָכַד מִהֶר אֶפְרַיִם; וַיַּחֲדֵשׁ, אֶת-מִזְבַּח יְהוָה, אֲשֶׁר, לִפְנֵי אוֹלָם יְהוָה.</p>	<p><b>8</b> And when Asa heard these words, even the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the detestable things out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from the hill-country of Ephraim; and he renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD.</p>
<p><b>ט</b> וַיִּקְבְּץ, אֶת-כָּל-יְהוּדָה וּבִנְיָמִן, וְהַגָּרִים עִמָּהֶם, מֵאֶפְרַיִם וּמְנַשֶּׁה וּמְשִׁמֶון: כִּי-נָפְלוּ עָלָיו מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל, לְרַב, בְּרֵאתָם, כִּי-יָהוּהָ אֱלֹהֵיוֹ עִמּוֹ. {פ}</p>	<p><b>9</b> And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and them that sojourned with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon; for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him. {P}</p>
<p><b>י</b> וַיִּקְבְּצוּ יְרוּשָׁלַם, בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַשְּׁלִישִׁי, לְשַׁנַּת חֲמֵשׁ-עָשָׂרָה, לְמַלְכוּת אֶסָא.</p>	<p><b>10</b> So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.</p>
<p><b>יא</b> וַיִּזְבְּחוּ לַיהוָה בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא, מִן-הַשְּׁלָל הַבִּיאוּ: בָּקָר שֶׁבַע מֵאוֹת, וְצֹאן שִׁבְעַת אֲלָפִים.</p>	<p><b>11</b> And they sacrificed unto the LORD in that day, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.</p>
<p><b>יב</b> וַיָּבֵאוּ בְּבְרִית--לְדְרוֹשׁ, אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵיהֶם: בְּכָל-לִבָּבָם, וּבְכָל-נַפְשָׁם.</p>	<p><b>12</b> And they entered into the covenant to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul;</p>
<p><b>יג</b> וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יִדְרֹשׁ לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל, יוֹמֵת--לְמוֹן-קֶטָן, וְעַד-גָּדוֹל, לְמֵאִישׁ, וְעַד-אִשָּׁה.</p>	<p><b>13</b> and that whosoever would not seek the LORD, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.</p>
<p><b>יד</b> וַיִּשְׁבְּעוּ, לַיהוָה, בְּקוֹל גָּדוֹל, וּבְתוֹרֵעָה--וּבְחֻצְצֹרוֹת, וּבְשׁוֹפָרוֹת.</p>	<p><b>14</b> And they swore unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with horns.</p>
<p><b>טו</b> וַיִּשְׂמְחוּ כָל-יְהוּדָה עַל-הַשְּׁבוּעָה, כִּי בְּכָל-לִבָּבָם נִשְׁבְּעוּ, וּבְכָל-רְצוֹנָם בִּקְשׂוּהוּ, וַיִּמְצָא לָהֶם; וַיִּנַּח יְהוָה לָהֶם, מִסָּבִיב.</p>	<p><b>15</b> And all Judah rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought Him with their whole desire; and He was found of them; and the LORD gave them rest round about.</p>
<p><b>טז</b> וְגַם-מַעֲכָה אִם אֶסָא הַמֶּלֶךְ, הִסִּירָהּ מִגְּבִירָהּ, אֲשֶׁר-עָשְׂתָה לְאֲשֶׁרָה, מִפְּלָצָת; וַיִּכְרֹת אֶסָא, אֶת-מִפְּלָצֶתָהּ, וַיִּדְק, וַיִּשְׂרֹף בְּנַחַל קִדְרוֹן.</p>	<p><b>16</b> And also Maacah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and made dust of it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron.</p>
<p><b>יז</b> וְהַבָּמוֹת--לֹא-סָרוּ, מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל: רַק לִבָּב-אֶסָא הָיָה שְׁלָם, כָּל-יָמָיו.</p>	<p><b>17</b> But the high places were not taken away out of Israel; nevertheless the heart of Asa was whole all his days.</p>
<p><b>יח</b> וַיָּבֵא אֶת-קַדְשֵׁי אָבִיו, וְקַדְשָׁיו--בֵּית הָאֱלֹהִים: כָּסֶף וְזָהָב, וְכֵלִים.</p>	<p><b>18</b> And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had hallowed, and that he himself had hallowed, silver, and gold, and vessels.</p>
<p><b>יט</b> וּמִלְחָמָהּ, לֹא הָיְתָה, עַד שְׁנַת-שְׁלֹשִׁים וְחָמֵשׁ, לְמַלְכוּת אֶסָא. {פ}</p>	<p><b>19</b> And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa. {P}</p>

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<p>ז וּבָעֵת הַהִיא, בָּא חֲנָנִי הַרְאָה, אֶל-אַסָּא, מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה; וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו, בְּהִשָּׁעֲנֶךָ עַל-מֶלֶךְ אַרָּם וְלֹא נִשְׁעַנְתָּ עַל-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ, עַל-כֵּן נִמְלֹט חֵיל מֶלֶךְ-אַרָּם, מִיָּדְךָ.</p>	<p>7 And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him: 'Because thou hast relied on the king of Aram, and hast not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Aram escaped out of thy hand.</p>
<p>ח הֲלֹא הַכּוּשִׁים וְהַלּוּבִים, הָיוּ לְחַיִל לָרֶב לָרֶכֶב וּלְפָרָשִׁים-לְהַרְבֵּה מְאֹד; וּבְהִשָּׁעֲנֶךָ עַל-יְהוָה, נִתְּנָם בְּיָדְךָ.</p>	<p>8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge host, with chariots and horsemen exceeding many? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, He delivered them into thy hand.</p>
<p>ט כִּי יְהוָה, עֵינָיו מִשְׁטָטוֹת בְּכָל-הָאָרֶץ לְהִתְחַזֵּק עִם-לְבָבָם שְׁלֵם אֵלָיו--נִסְפָּלֶת עַל-זֹאת: כִּי מַעֲתָה, יֵשׁ עִמָּךְ מִלְחָמוֹת.</p>	<p>9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is whole toward Him. Herein thou hast done foolishly; for from henceforth thou shalt have wars.'</p>
<p>י וַיִּכְעַס אַסָּא אֶל-הַרְאָה, וַיִּתְּנֵהוּ בֵּית הַמִּפְקָת--כִּי-בָזַעַף עִמּוֹ, עַל-זֹאת; וַיִּרְצֹץ אַסָּא מֶן-הַעֵם, בְּעֵת הַהִיא.</p>	<p>10 Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in the prison-house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time.</p>
<p>יא וְהִנֵּה דְבָרֵי אַסָּא, הָרִאשׁוֹנִים וְהָאַחֲרוֹנִים--הֵנָּם כְּתוּבִים עַל-סֵפֶר הַמְּלָכִים, לַיהוּדָה וְיִשְׂרָאֵל.</p>	<p>11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel.</p>
<p>יב וַיַּחֲלָא אַסָּא בְּשָׁנַת שְׁלוּשִׁים וְתֵשַׁע לְמַלְכוּתוֹ בְּרִגְלָיו, עַד-לְמַעְלָה חֲלָיו; וְגַם-בְּחֲלָיו לֹא-דָרַשׁ אֶת-יְהוָה, כִּי בְרָפָאִים.</p>	<p>12 And in the thirty and ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet; his disease was exceeding great; yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians.</p>

**This explains how it is on the microcosm he looks to doctors not H'.**

8. The Mutating Virus: Understanding Antisemitism Conference at The European Parliament on 27th September 2016 in Brussels.

How do such absurdities come to be believed? This is a vast and complex subject, and I have written a book about it, but the simplest explanation is this. When bad things happen to a group, its members can ask one of two questions: "What did we do wrong?" or "Who did this to us?" The entire fate of the group will depend on which it chooses.

If it asks, "What did we do wrong?" it has begun the self-criticism essential to a free society. If it asks, "Who did this to us?" it has defined itself as a victim. It will then seek a scapegoat to blame for all its problems. Classically this has been the Jews.

9. Ralbag I Melachim 15:17

ובעבור זה החטא נשארה המלכות נחלקת כבראשונה והנה זה החטא היה ששם בשר זרועו במה ששלח אל בן הדד מלך ארם ולא בטח בה' אשר הפיל מחנה הכושיים לפניו ואחשוב שלזאת הסבה חלה את רגליו לעת זקנתו כי הוא שלח זה אל בן הדד כאילו לא היו לו רגלים ללכת במלחמה ולזה סבב הש"י ששלח כח רגליו לעת זקנתו:

10. Seder Olam Rabba 15 - the lost opportunity.

בשנת שלשים ושש למלכות אסא עלה בעשא מלך ישראל על (ירושלם) [יהודה] וגו' (דברי הימים ב טז א), אפשר לומר כן, והלא אסא קבר את בעשא בשנת כ"ו למלכותו, ומה תלמוד לומר לאסא, כנגד ל"ו שנה שנתחתן שלמה בבת פרעה מלך מצרים, וכנגד ל"ו שנה שנגזרה על מלכות בית דוד שתחלק, ובאחרונה עתידה שתחזור להם, וכנגד ל"ו שנה שנגזרה למלכי ארם להיות שטן לישראל,

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#### 11. Yirmiyahu 41:9


וְהַבּוֹר אֲשֶׁר הִשְׁלִיךְ שָׁם יִשְׁמַעֵאל אֶת כָּל־פְּגְרֵי הָאֲנָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר הִכָּה בְיַד־גְּדַלְיָהוּ הוּא אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה הַמֶּלֶךְ אָסָא מִפְּנֵי  
בְעֵשָׂא מֶלֶךְ־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲתוֹ מִלֵּא יִשְׁמַעֵאל בֶּן־נְתַנְיָהוּ חֲלָלִים:

The cistern into which Ishmael threw all the corpses of the men he had killed in the affair of Gedaliah was the one that King Asa had constructed on account of King Baasha of Israel. That was the one which Ishmael son of Nethaniah filled with corpses.

#### 12. Malbim, Yirmiyahu 41:8

הוא אשר עשה המלך אסא מפני בעשא, מודיע בזה מה החטא גורם, כי כבר התבאר (מלכים א' ט"ו י"ז) שבעשא בנה את הרמה לבלתי תת יוצא ובא לאסא מלך יהודה, היינו לעכב עי"כ שלא יעלו ישראל לרגל, ועקר עלייתם לרגל היה דרך מצפה כמ"ש (הושע ה' א') כי פח הייתם למצפה ושם עמדו ג"כ צבאות אסא להגן על ההולכים לרגל וללחום נגד גדוד בעשא, ועשה את הבור להספיק מים לצבאותיו, וא"כ הבור הזה שנעשה לעזר להולכים לבית ה' עתה בעונות הדור הושלכו שם חללים ההולכים לבית ה':

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