1. So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

2. And Asa did [that which was] good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God:

3. For he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him.

4. And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest.

5. Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls and towers, gates, and bars, [while] 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.

6. And Asa had an army [of men] that bare targets among two hundred thousand; and out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, the sons of Dodo, the sons of Ahimelech, the sons of Adadi, two hundred thousand and fourscore thousand; all these [were] mighty men of valour.

7. And they [carried] away out of the cities of Judah the altars that Solomon his father had made to Baal, and to the Asherim, and to the groves, and to the images: and they broke them down: and the turf of the altares they burned with fire, and brake them down, and dashed the images into little peaces, and strewed all the ground thereof.

8. And as yet they left the high places: for the people had not yet set the people heart upon the law.
Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah.

And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, [it is] nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou [art] our God; let not man prevail against thee.

So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled.

And Asa and the people that [were] with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and they carried away very much spoil.

And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them.

They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.