

----- Baasha 24 years -----

**3051d AM, 3761 JP, 953 BC, 3 SK, 1,2 NK**

**492. NK-At the siege of Gibbethon of the Philistines, Nadab was killed by Baasha, a man from the tribe of Issachar, in the third year of the reign of Asa. In the same year that Baasha made himself king over Israel, he utterly destroyed all the family of Jeroboam. He reigned for twenty-four years. {#1Ki 15:27-29,33}**

**3064c AM, 3774 JP, 940 BC, 16 SK, 14 NK**

**496. NK-Baasha saw Asa actively restoring religion to Judah and observed that many of his subjects were defecting to Asa, so that they might be partakers in God's covenant blessings. {#2Ch 15:9} For the rest of his life, he did not cease from making war against Asa. {#1Ki 15:16,32} In Asa's sixteenth year and the thirty-sixth year since the division of the kingdom, Baasha began to fortify Ramah, to prevent more of his subjects from defecting to Asa. {#2Ch 16:1}**

**3064d AM, 3774 JP, 940 BC, 16 SK, 14 NK**

**497. SK-Asa hired Benhadad, king of Syria, to come and hinder the building up of Ramah, which he did. Using the stones and timber from the city of Ramah, Asa built Geba**

**and Mizpah. When Hanan the prophet reproved him for getting help from the king of Syria, he cast him into prison and at the same time Asa oppressed some of the people. {#2Ch 16:1-14}**

**498. NK-At the same time, Benhadad, king of Syria, marched against the cities of Israel. He destroyed Ijon in the tribe of Asher and Dan in Dan, Abelbethmaachah in the tribe of Manasseh and all the borders of Chinnereth, with all the land of Naphtali. This forced Baasha to stop fortifying Ramah and retire to Tirzah. {#1Ki 15:20,21 2Ch 16:4,5 Isa 9:1} Benhadad was the son of Tabrimon, who was himself the son of Hezion, {#1Ki 15:18} or Rezon, the first king of Damascus of Syria. It was from him that the name of Hadad was passed on to his posterity in the kingdom. This is noted by Nicolaus Damascene, as recorded by Josephus, {\*Josephus, Antiq., l. 7. c. 5. s. 2. (103) 5:415} where Nicolaus stated:**

**"The third king of that name, who sought to wipe away the blot of the defeat that happened in his grandfather's days, marched into Judah and destroyed Samaria."**

**499. Josephus understood this to be the invasion made upon Samaria by Benhadad, in the time of Ahab. {See note on 2960 AM. <<430>>} {See note on 3103c AM. <<513>>} [L65]**

**3074d AM, 3784 JP, 930 BC, 26 SK, 24 NK**

**500. NK-When Baasha died and was buried at Tirzah, his son Elah succeeded him. {#1Ki 16:8-10}**