

Sunday, April 24 Scripture Reading

2 Chronicles 14:1-8

New Revised Standard Version

Asa Reigns

14 ^{1a} So Abijah slept with his ancestors, and they buried him in the city of David. His son Asa succeeded him. In his days the land had rest for ten years. ² ^{1b} Asa did what was good and right in the sight of the LORD his God. ³ He took away the foreign altars and the high places, broke down the pillars, hewed down the sacred poles, ⁴ and commanded Judah to seek the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and to keep the law and the commandment. ⁵ He also removed from all the cities of Judah the high places and the incense altars. And the kingdom had rest under him. ⁶ He built fortified cities in Judah while the land had rest. He had no war in those years, for the LORD gave him peace. ⁷ He said to Judah, "Let us build these cities, and surround them with walls and towers, gates and bars; the land is still ours because we have sought the LORD our God; we have sought him, and he has given us peace on every side." So they built and prospered. ⁸ Asa had an army of three hundred thousand from Judah, armed with large shields and spears, and two hundred eighty thousand troops from Benjamin who carried shields and drew bows; all these were mighty warriors.