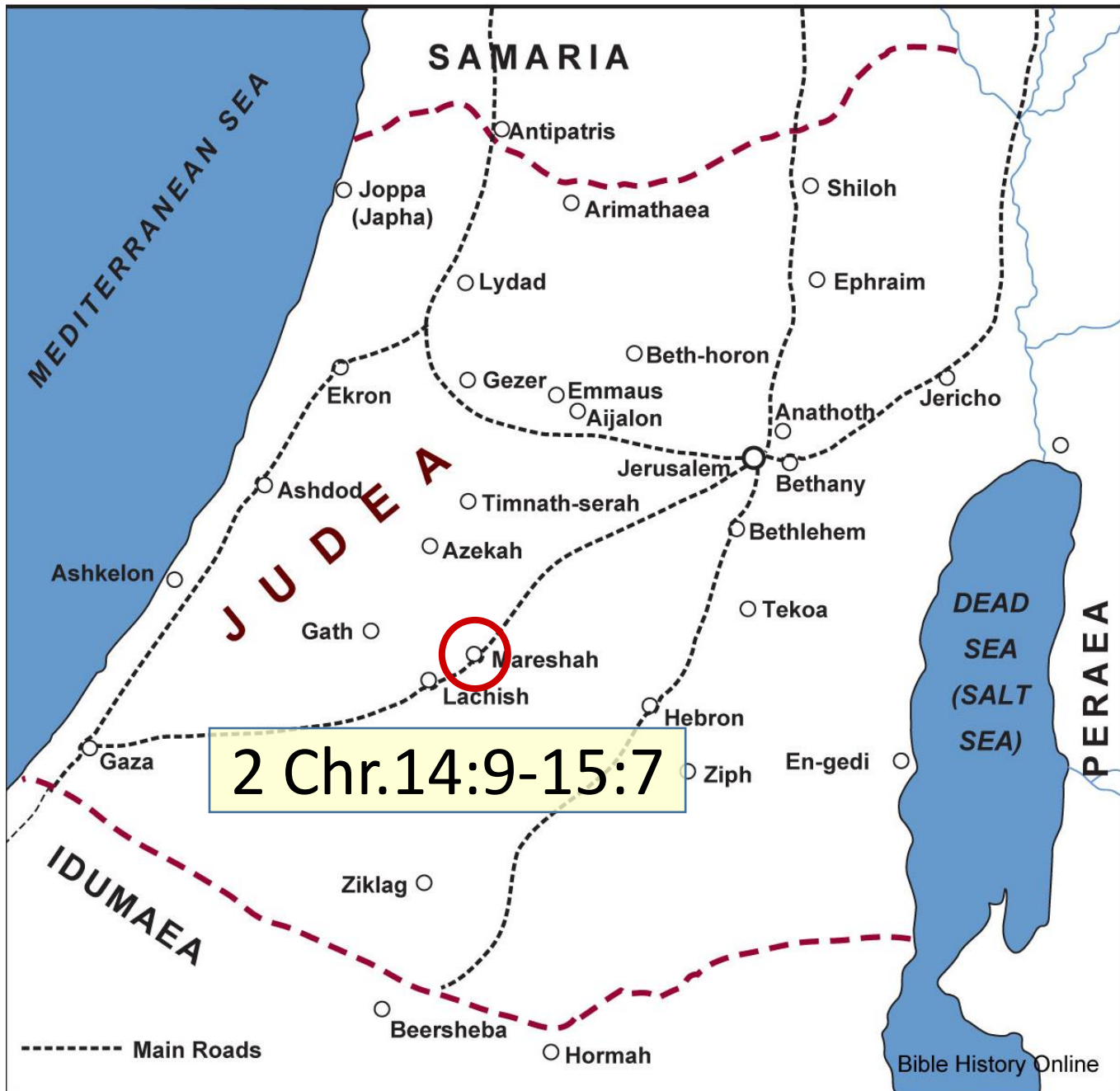


Asa's Apostasy

2 Chronicles 14-16

MAP OF JUDEA AND SOUTHERN ISRAEL



2 Chr.15:1-7

Azariah speaks to Asa

- Does not applaud his victory, 2
- Warns him: God will be with you IF ... 2
- Consequences of forsaking God, 3-6
- Victories are dangerous, 7

I. Asa's Rise

1. **Devoted** to God despite wicked father, 1 K.15:2-3, 12; 2 Chr.14:2
2. **Deposed** idols, 2 Chr.14:3-6
3. **Defeated** enemies, 2 Chr.14:8-15
4. **Dedicated** people to God, 2 Chr. 15:8-15
5. **Demoted** grand-mother, 2 Chr.15: 16; 1 K.15:13 (2)
6. **Directed** Jehoshaphat, 2 Chr.17:1

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Independent piety

2. **Deposed** idols, 2 C

Corrective piety

3. **Defeated** enemies,

Destructive piety

4. **Dedicated** people t
15:8-15

Constructive piety

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16; 1 K.15:13 (2)

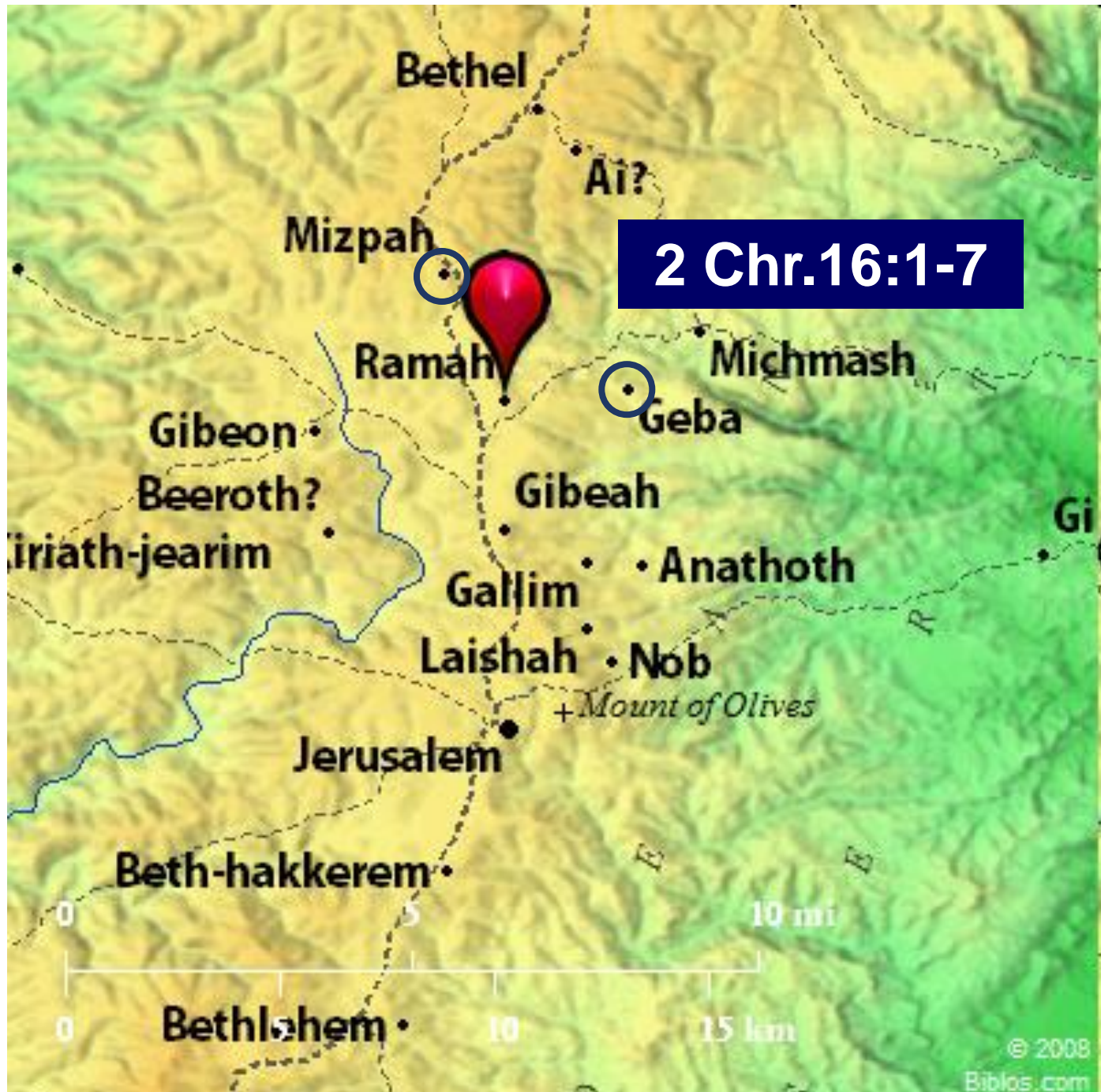
Impartial piety

6. **Directed** Jehoshap

Parental piety

I. Asa's Rise

II. Asa's Fall



2 Chr. 16:1-7



+ Mount of Olives





2 Chron.
 16:1-7

1. Relied on man, 2 Chr.16:1-7

- “Rent a king” worked. (1 K.15:16)

Spoils

1-4, 6

**Syria poses
worse threat, 7, 9**

Halted,

5

- Success is not always good
 1. trust: heathen king: 16:3. 1 Sm.8
 2. treasury of God: bought ‘help’: 16:2-3
 3. treaty: tempted Ben-Hadad: 16:3

“Faith does not blind the eyes. It looks the difficulties square in the face and heaps them to one side of the balances. On the other side, it puts, simply and solely – God”



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Oppressed . . . people. 1 K.22

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3. Requested physicians, 16:12

- Passage pictures doctors negatively

Those who are well have no need of a physician, **but those who are sick** – Mt.9:12.

Luke, the beloved physician
(sends greetings) – Col.4:14.

- Asa's problem: doctors replaced God
 - 2 K.1

Asa: 41 year reign

- God blessed him abundantly
- His character deteriorated as he aged
- Still worshipped God, but lost his holiness. Ja.5:9
- Which way are we going?



Christian



Church

Where will I end up?

- Depends on way I am taking now.
- Not enough to confess faults; must correct them. (1 Sm.24, 26)
- Dangers:
 - **Impenitence**: set in our ways; unwilling to change.
 - **Immodesty**: start believing our press . . .