

which is His will for us. I think that that is the attitude that He would have us take. I think that if we look to the phhicians instead of the Lord we are disobedient to the Lord, but if we look to the Lord and say we must not look to phhicians at all ~~wax~~ I think we are not Biblical ~~an~~ that attitude. We must look to the Lord first and must avail ourselves of such means as are available ~~to our means~~ in our age that the Lord may use for our good. But whether these phhicians actually were the people who were using the service of an idol or of a false god in that ~~day~~ day it is entirely possible (of course, it is not clear) but I would hesitate ~~to~~ about speaking about that. Now I think that is all on Asa. ⁹We then go on to Number "5", Israel from Nadad to Omri. When you turn ~~from~~ ^{to} Israel f om Nadad to Omri, you are in a field in which ~~people~~ Chronicles gives you no ~~help~~ help, because you are now in the kingdom of Israel and our book of Chronicles deals only with Judah. That, of course, doesn't mean that it doesn't touch on Israel, but Israel is secondary in it. So we look to Kings for our discussion and on Nadad we have very little, only two verses. ~~Then~~ He only reigned two years, the son of Jeroboam; he did evil in the sight of the Lord and Basha, the son of Ahijah, ~~the so~~ of the house of Isachaar, conspired against him and smote him. In the third year of Asa, king of Judah, Basha k lled Nadad and reigned in his stead. Then we read that Basha ~~wax~~ killed all of the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave to Je oboam any that breathed until he had destroyed him according to the saying of the Lord which he said by his servant, Ahijah, the Shilomite, because of Jeroboam which he sinned. Does that mean that Basha was a very good man because he carried out the prediction that God had given and ~~he carried out~~ destroyed all the family of Jeroboam. That, of course, would be an utterly falacious conclusion. God uses the wrath of wicked men to praise Him, and God works out His way in such ways as He chooses; but men who do wickedness often bring about the results that God has predicted. These results come about because of the evil that men have done, but the means which is used is not a means that ~~is~~ to their credit. In this case there is no word