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to us a passage from II Chronicles. I am sorry that he was very rushed because of the necessity of taking the pictures first and consequently had to talk very fast. But I thought he covered quite a bit of material and brought out some very interesting and important ideas from the life of Asa. He did not have time to finish the life of Asa and so I think that this morning I will continue a little where he left off and look at the remaining portion of the account of the life of Asa. Supposing that we read then the 16th chapter of II Chronicles. "In the sixth and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to Asa King of Judah. Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the Lord and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, 'There is a league between me and thee as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break they league with Baasha king of Israel that he may depart from me.' And Ben-hadad hearkened unto King Asa and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel: and they smote Ijon and Dan and Abel-maim and all the store-cities of Naphtali. And it came to pass when Baasha heard of it that he left off building Ramah and let his work cease. Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah and the timbers thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah. And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa, King of Judah, and said unto him, 'Because thou hast relied on the King of Syria and not relied on the Lord thy God, therefore is the host of the King of Syria escaped out of thy hand. Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge host with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet because thou didst rely on the Lord, He delivered them into thy hands. For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him. Herein