



JEHOSHAPHAT AND THE WORSHIPPING ARMY

Jehoshaphat, the Righteous King

2 Chronicles 17:3-5

3 Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the former ways of his father David; he did not seek the Baals,

4 but sought the God of his father, and walked in His commandments and not according to the acts of Israel.

5 Therefore the LORD established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah gave presents to Jehoshaphat, and he had riches and honor in abundance.

Jehoshaphat removed Idol Worship

2 Chronicles 17:6

6 And his heart took delight in the ways of the LORD; moreover he removed the high places and wooden images from Judah.

Jehoshaphat has the Law taught in Judah

2 Chronicles 17:7-9

7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent his leaders, Ben-Hail, Obadiah, Zechariah, Nethanel, and Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

8 And with them *he sent* Levites: Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel, Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah, Tobijah, and Tobadonijah—the Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.

9 So they taught in Judah, and *had* the Book of the Law of the LORD with them; they went throughout all the cities of Judah and taught the people.

Jehoshaphat and Judah are blessed

2 Chronicles 17:10-11

10 And the fear of the LORD fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat.

11 Also *some* of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents and silver as tribute; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand seven hundred rams and seven thousand seven hundred male goats.

Proverbs 13:22

A good *man* leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

2 Chronicles 19:4-7

4 So Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the mountains of Ephraim, and brought them back to the LORD God of their fathers.

5 Then he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city,

6 and said to the judges, "Take heed to what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for the LORD, who *is* with you in the judgment.

7 Now therefore, let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take care and do *it*, for *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes."

Nations Rise Up Against Jehoshaphat

2 Chronicles 20:1-4

1 It happened after this *that* the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and *others* with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat.

2 Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, “A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar” (which *is* En Gedi).

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

4 So Judah gathered together to *ask help* from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

A Prophet rises up with the Word of the Lord

2 Chronicles 20:14-17

14 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly.

2 Chronicles 20:14-17 (continued)

15 And he said, “Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: ‘Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle *is* not yours, but God’s.

16 Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel.

17 You will not *need* to fight in this *battle*. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD *is* with you.”

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v.17) You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!’ Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you.”

The God Praising Army

2 Chronicles 20:20-23

20 So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper.”

2 Chronicles 20:20-23 (continued)

21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: “Praise the LORD, For His mercy *endures* forever.”

22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.

2 Chronicles 20:20-23 (continued)

23 For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy *them*. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

Believe God = you will be established

- ***Believe the Prophets*** = you will prosper
(be successful)

Jehoshaphat and Judah plundered the enemy

2 Chronicles 20:24-25

24 So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there *were* their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped.

2 Chronicles 20:24-25 (continued)

25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much.

Proverbs 13:22

A good *man* leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

Jehoshaphat and the People of Judah Praise God after the Battle

2 Chronicles 20:26-28

26 And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berachah, for there they blessed the LORD; therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah until this day.

2 Chronicles 20:26-28 (continued)

27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go back to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them rejoice over their enemies.

28 So they came to Jerusalem, with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets, to the house of the LORD.

- **v.21-22)** those who would Praise the Lord were sent ahead of the Army
- **v.26)** they blessed the Lord after 3 days of collecting the spoils
- **v.27-28)** they praised God on their way back to Jerusalem and in the Temple

1. Jehoshaphat was a Righteous King
(obedient to the Lord/His Word)

- We must be obedient to the Word of God

2. Jehoshaphat destroyed the Idols in Judah (removed Idolatry)

- We must remove (be delivered of) the Idols of our Heart

3. Jehoshaphat sent out Teachers and Levites to teach the people the Word of God

- We must be taught the Word of God and Teach the Word of God to others

4. Jehoshaphat sets up Righteous Judges to Judge the People (Justice)

- We must be people of righteous judgement and justice

5. Jehoshaphat led a nation-wide prayer meeting (when the enemy had gathered)

- We must be people of prayer (including corporate prayer)

6. Jehoshaphat set up those who would Praise the Lord

- We must be people of Praise

7. Jehoshaphat and the people blessed God after the victory and after collecting the spoils
 - We must be a people that blesses God after a victory
8. Jehoshaphat and the people went back to the Temple and Praised God for His goodness
 - We must corporately Praise God for His goodness

