

Turning the Hearts: Jehoshaphat

I Kings 22:41-50, II Chronicles 17-20

T/F “Bad company corrupts good morals.”

II Chronicles 17

Jehoshaphat institutes teaching of God’s law.

- He does right like David and Asa
- Removes the remaining sodomites from Asa’s reign (high places.)
- Sends out the Levites to teach God’s law throughout Judah among the people.
- Grows strong and wealthy. Other nations bring tribute.



II Chronicles 18

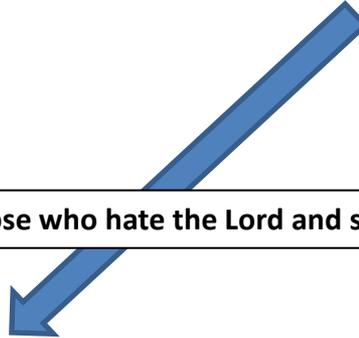
He allies himself with Ahab through marriage.

Ahab’s daughter, Athaliah, is given to his son, Jehoram in marriage.

He allies himself with Ahab in battle.

Ahab asks him to fight against Ramoth-Gilead with him. Jehoshaphat asks for a prophet of Yaweh. Cries out to God in battle and is rescued. Ahab is wounded by random arrow and dies. Returns in safety to Jerusalem.

“Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the Lord and so bring wrath on yourself from the Lord?” 19:3



II Chronicles 19

Jehoshaphat institutes justice in administering God’s law.

- Again goes out among the people to bring them back to God.
- Appoints judges and tells them to avoid unrighteousness, partiality, and taking bribes.
- Sets up Levites and Priests on his “Supreme Court” in Jerusalem.

II Chronicles 20

Jehoshaphat institutes trust in time of crisis.

- Moab, Ammon, and Edom make war.
- He is afraid and seeks God; proclaims a fast.
- Gathers Judah to seek God.
- Prays before God’s Temple in sincerity...all Judah is there with infants, wives, children.
- The promise of VICTORY is given and accomplished!



He allies himself with Ahab’s son, Ahaziah, building ships.

Ahab asks him to fight against Ramoth-Gilead with him.

The Bottom Line

Jehoshaphat followed God, but his close friends did not.

You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

James 4:4