

Jehoshaphat's Legacy

2 Chronicles 17-24



Divided Kingdoms

Southern-Judah

- Rehoboam (#1)
- Jehoshaphat (#4)
- Jeroham (#5)
- Ahaziah (#6)
- Athaliah (#7)
- Etc.
- Daniel's Captivity
- Ezekiel's Captivity
- General Exile

**Jerusalem
Conquered**

931 BC

Northern- Israel

- Jeroboam I (#1)
- Ahab (#7)
- Ahaziah (#8)
- Etc.

721 BC

**Fall of
Israel**

606 BC

597 BC

587 BC

586 BC

Jehoshaphat's Heart

- **2 Chronicles 17:6**, *“His heart took delight in the ways of the Lord”*
- **2 Chronicles 17:7**, Sent his leaders to teach God's word in Judah
- **2 Chronicles 18:4 & 7**, Genuinely wanted to know God's will
- **2 Chronicles 19:9-11**, Had faith in God and a properly feared the Lord
- **2 Chronicles 20:20**, told others, *“Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established”*



Relationships Lead To Poor Decisions

- **Formed Alliances w/Kings Ahab & Ahaziah**

- Israel idolatrous nation, ignored God's will
- **2 Chronicles 18:1**, *"Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and by marriage he allied himself with Ahab."*

- **Jehoshaphat warned by Jehu**

- **2 Chronicles 19:2**, *"Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the Lord? Therefore the wrath of the Lord is upon you."*

- **His good deeds out numbered his bad, however....**

- *"leaven leaveneth the whole lump"*, **Gal. 5:9**



Jehoram Becomes King

Jehoshaphat's Son

- **2 Chronicles 21:4**, “*strengthened himself, killed all his brothers with a sword and also others of the princes of Israel*”
- **2 Chronicles 21:6**, “*...he walked in the ways of the Kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord.*”
- **Vs. 20**, Died with an incurable disease
 - Hated by the people, even his leaders
 - Not given a King’s funeral



Ahaziah Becomes King

Jehoram's Son, Jehoshaphat & Ahab's Grandson

- **2 Chronicles 22:3-4**, *“He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly. Wherefore he did evil in the sight of the Lord like the house of Ahab: for they were his counselors after the death of his father to his destruction.”*
 - Put to death by his own army when found consorting with Ahab's son
 - Jehoshaphat's Legacy couldn't get much worse

BUT IT DID!

Why Did The Family Become So Evil?

- **2 Chronicles 21:6, Jehoram** *“had the daughter of Ahab as a wife.”*
 - How about having Jezebel as a mother-in-law?
 - **1 Kings 19**, What did Elijah think of her?
- **2 Chronicles 22:3, Ahaziah** *“walked in the way of Ahab, ...his mother counseled him to do evil.”*
- **Jehoram** had two wives, Athaliah I & Athaliah II
 - Athaliah I, Daughter of Ahab, **2 Chronicles 21:6**
 - Athaliah II, Ahab’s sister, **2 Chronicles 22:2**
 - **Athaliah II**, Ahaziah’s mother

Athaliah II Rules Over Judah

- **2 Chronicles 22:10, Ahaziah's wife**
 - Kills her children and grandchildren so there will be no heirs to the throne
- **2 Chronicles 23:21, rules w/terror for 7 years**
 - Slain with a sword after Ahaziah's son found alive
 - The entire nation rejoiced at her death & Joash, 7 years old, appointed king
- **2 Chronicles 24:7, *"that wicked woman"***



What a Legacy?

Play With Fire, You Get Burned !

- **2 Chronicles 19:2**, Jehu the prophet rebukes Jehoshaphat, “Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the Lord? Because of this, the wrath of the Lord is upon you.”
- **2 Chronicles 20:37**, Eliezer the prophet tells Jehoshaphat, “Because you have made an alliance with Ahaziah, the LORD will destroy what you have made.”
- **Matthew 6:24**, “No man can serve two masters: ...he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon..”



What Does Our Lives Say to Others?

- **Romans 14:7**, “none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself”
- **Romans 14:13**, “no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother’s way.”
- **Romans 14:19**, “follow after the things which make for peace and things wherewith one many edify another.”
- **Romans 14:21**, “It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby the brother stumbleth or is offended, or is made weak.”



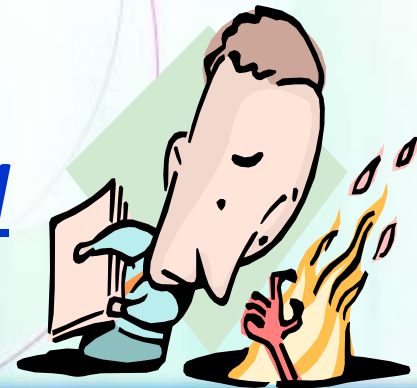
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- **John 15:10**, *“If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love.”*
- **John 13:14-15**, *“If I..., your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.”*
- **Matthew 5:16**, *“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”*



What Does Our Lives Say to Others?

- **1 Timothy 4:16**, “...be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine ...Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”
- **Hebrews 4:11**, “Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.”



What About Your Legacy ?



*Is there a crown laid
up for you in heaven?*