

# **Jehoshaphat, King of Judah**

## **Study 2**

**Jehoshaphat – Yahweh has Judged.  
Son of Asa, King of Judah.**

**Reading: 2 Chronicles 17.**  
**Hymns: 26, 57**

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#### **Consolidation**

- vv. 1-6: Positive Consolidation Brings Blessings.**
- vv. 7-9. Education, the Key to Success.**
- vv. 10–11 A Time of Peace.**
- vv. 12–19 Judah Organised and Strengthened.**

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## Positive Consolidation Brings Blessings - vv 1- 6

### **2 Chron.17: 1 - 3**

- V.1 And Jehoshaphat his (Asa's) son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel.
- V.2 And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken.
- V.3 And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim;

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### **2 Chron.17...**

- V.4 But sought to the *LORD* God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.
- V.5 Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance.
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#### 2 Chron.15: 2

... The *LORD* *is* with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

#### James 1: 5 - 7

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2 Chron.17: 6 ... moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

2Chron.20:33 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

1Kings 22: 43 ... nevertheless the high places were not taken away; *for* the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.

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## Education of the People, the Key to continued Success:

### 2 Chron.17 :7-9

- V.7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, *even* to Benhail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, **to teach** in the cities of Judah.
- V.8 And with them *he sent* Levites, *even* Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests.
- V.9 And **they taught in Judah**, and *had* **the book of the law of the LORD with them**, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

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### Education of the People

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Benhail	son of strength, or son (man) of might
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To Teach

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## Education of the People\_2 Chron.17 :8

### Levites

Shemaiah	heard of Yahweh,
Nethaniah	given of Yahweh,
Zebadiah	endowment of Yahweh,
Asahel	God made,
Shemiramoth	name of heights,
Jehonathan	Yahweh has given,
Adonijah	my Lord is Yahweh,
Tobijah	Yahweh is good,
Tobadonijah	my Lord is good,

### with them the priests ...

Elishama	My God has heard,
Jehoram	Yahweh is exulted

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## Education of the People, the Key to continued Success:

2Tim. 2:15    Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

John 12: 48    He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

1Thess. 4:11            And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

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Education of the People, the Key to continued Success: 2Chron 17: 7 - 9.

**Deut. 17: 18** ... when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book ...

**Deut. 17: 19** And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: ... to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

**Deut. 4: 14** And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

**Deut. 5: 1** And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.

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Education of the People, the Key to continued Success: 2Chron 17: 7 - 9.

Note the reference to the Statutes of Yahweh.  
The very thing in which Judah failed.

Deut. 6: 1 - 7

- V.1 Now these *are* **the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments**, which the LORD your **God commanded to teach you**, that ye might do *them* ...
- V.2 ... fear the LORD thy God, to **keep all his statutes** and his commandments, ...
- V.3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and **observe to do it**; ...
- V.6 And **these words**, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:
- V.7 And **thou shalt teach them diligently** unto thy children...

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## A Time of Peace!

### 2 Chron.17 :10-11

V.10 And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat

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

### Proverbs16: 7

When a man's ways please Yahweh, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

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## Judah Organised and Strengthened by Jehoshaphat: 2Chron 17: 12 – 19

- V.12 And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store.
- V.13 And he had much business in the cities of Judah: and the men of war, mighty men of valour, *were* in Jerusalem.
- V.14 And these *are* the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand.
- V.15 And next to him *was* Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand.

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- V.16 And next him *was* Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valour.
- V.17 And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand.
- V.18 And next him *was* Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war.
- V.19 These waited on the king, beside *those* whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

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## **Fatal Alliance with Ahab:**

**2Chron.18: 1 - 3,**

**1Kings 22: 1 - 4:**

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## Fatal Alliance with Ahab:

### 2Chron.18: 1-3,

- V.1 Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab.
- V.2 And after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramothgilead.
- V.3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramothgilead? And he answered him, I *am* as thou *art*, and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war.