

Jehoshaphat, King of Judah

Study 3

Reading: 2Chronicles 18

Hymns: 59, 56

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Summary so far

First Class:

**Israel's kings corrupted the way of
Yahweh.**

**Omri instituted his own statutes and “did
worse than all that *were* before him”**

Ahab “was Israel's worst king”.

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Second Class

2 Chronicles 17.

Consolidation in Judah

- 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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2Chron.18: 1-3,

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- 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.

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Rejection of Ahab's Prophets:

2 Chron.18: 4-11,

1 Kings 22: 5-14:

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- V.4 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, **Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.**
- V.5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver *it* into the king's hand.
- V.6 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?
- V.7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, by whom we may **enquire of the LORD: but I hate him**; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same *is* Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

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Rejection of Ahab's Prophets: 2 Chron.18: 4-11,

- V.8 And the king of Israel called for one *of his* officers, and said, **Fetch quickly Micaiah** the son of Imla.
- V.9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in *their* robes, and **they sat in a void place** at the entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.
- V.10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until they be consumed.
- V.11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

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Seek Yahweh's Prophet - Micaiah:

2 Chron.18: 12, 13

1Kings 22: 13, 14:

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V.12 And the messenger that went to call **Micaiah** spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king with one assent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and **speak thou good**.

V.13 And Micaiah said, **As the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.**