

**Jehoshaphat, King of Judah**

**The Prophecy of Micaiah and Events of  
Ramoth Gilead**

**Reading: 2 Chron.18: 14 – end**

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**“What My God Saith”**

**Parallel in Kings: 1 Kings 22: 15-18:**

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### Isaiah 55: 11

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: **it shall not return unto me void**, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

### John 12: 48 - 50

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.**

... **the Father ... gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.**

... **as the Father said unto me, so I speak.**

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The qualifications of a shepherd.

### **Ezekiel 34: 1- 5**

“Woe to the shepherds of Israel that feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?... and they were scattered because there is no shepherd ... Therefore ye shepherds, hear the word of Yahweh:”

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- V.19 And the **LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab** king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.
- V.20 Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith?
- V.21 And he said, **I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.** And *the LORD* said, Thou shalt entice *him*, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do *even* so.
- V.22 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the **LORD hath spoken evil against thee.**

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V23 Then **Zedekiah** the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, **Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?**

V24 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

V25 Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

V26 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.

V27 **And Micaiah said, If thou certainly return in peace, *then* hath not the LORD spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people.**

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Disguise myself??          Yahweh sees all...

**Psalm 26:2**

Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

**Jer 17:10**

I the LORD search the heart, *I* try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings.

**Jer 20:12**

But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, *and* seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I opened my cause.

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This **cry for help** was often used when people cried out to Yahweh...

Exodus 2:23

And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and **they cried**, and **their cry** came up unto God...

Judges 3:9

And when the children of Israel **cried unto the LORD**, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, *even* Othniel the son of Kenaz, ...

Judges 3:15

But when the children of Israel **cried unto the LORD**, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite....

Judges 12:2

And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon; and **when I called you**, ye delivered me not out of their hands.

1Sam 7:8

And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to **cry unto the LORD** our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

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V32 For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots **perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again** from pursuing him.

V33 And **a certain man drew a bow at a venture**, and **smote the king of Israel** between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

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**Kings indicates he died from loss of blood.**

### **1 Kings 22: 35**

**And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.**

**As Elijah had declared to him...**

### **1Kings 21: 19**

**... Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? ... Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.**

**As decreed, so it came to pass.**

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**The mission had been accomplished.**

**1 Kings 22: 36**

**And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.”**

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## **Two Little Flocks of Kids**

**1Kings 20:27, 28**

**And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country.**

**... Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD**

**Victory for Israel**

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## Judah and Israel - Failed

<b>2 Chron 17</b>	<b>Captain</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Tribe</b>
Verse 14	Adnah	300,000	Judah
Verse 15	Jehohanan	280,000	Judah
Verse 16	Amasiah	200,000	Judah
Verse 17	Eliada	200,000	Benjamin
Verse 18	Jehozabad	180,000	Benjamin
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		<b>1,160,000</b>	
	Ahab		Two small flocks of kids

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### **1 Kings 20**

- Israel surrounded by a numerically superior Syrian force.
- The Prophet depicts the army of Israel as “two small flocks of kids”.
- “kids” are young goats, not fully grown goats.

**Yahweh gave them victory**

### **2Chron 18,**

- Ahab with two small flocks of kids could have had the same victory.
- Judah - 1.16m men under arms - the result of faith in action

**Yet They failed.**

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And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

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