

Lesson 10

Jehoshaphat Reigns Over Judah

(1 Kings 22:41-50; 2 Chronicles 17:1-19; 19:1 – 20:37)

Questions

1. How long did Jehoshaphat reign and what kind of king was he (1 K. 22:41-44; 2 Chron. 17:1-6; 19:3; 20:31-34)?
2. What are some things that Jehoshaphat was known for doing and who reigned when he died (1 K. 22:45-50)?
3. What did the Lord do for Jehoshaphat and why (2 Chron. 17:1-6)?
4. What did the princes, Levites, and priests, who Jehoshaphat sent to the cities of Judah, do (2 Chron. 17:7-9)?
5. How is the greatness of Jehoshaphat described (2 Chron. 17:10-19)?
6. What is said about Ahab and Jehoshaphat that is not mentioned in the 1 Kings 22 account (2 Chron. 18:1-3)? What is said about Jehoshaphat and God that is not mentioned in the 1 Kings 22 account (2 Chron. 18:31)?
7. Why was the wrath of the Lord upon Jehoshaphat (2 Chron. 19:1-3)?
8. What restorations did Jehoshaphat make among the people and the judges (2 Chron. 19:4-11)?
9. Who came against Judah to do battle and what did Jehoshaphat and the people do about it (2 Chron. 20:1-4)?

10. What did Jehoshaphat pray to the Lord God for concerning this impending battle (2 Chron. 20:5-13)?

11. What did the Lord tell Jehoshaphat and the people through the words of Jahaziel (2 Chron. 20:14-19)?

12. What did Jehoshaphat tell his people and how were the Moabites and Ammonites defeated (2 Chron. 20:20-23)?

13. What spoil did Jehoshaphat and his people find and how did they bring it back to Jerusalem (2 Chron. 20:24-28)?

14. Why was the realm of Jehoshaphat quiet (2 Chron. 20:29-30)?

15. Who did Jehoshaphat join himself to and what happened to their ships at Ezion-geber as a result (2 Chron. 20:35-37; compare with 1 Kings 22:48-49)?

Digging Deeper

1. What are the approximate dates for Jehoshaphat's reign over Judah (1 K. 22:41-50; see also 1 Chron. 3:10 and Mt. 1:8)? Where in 1 Kings are we told about the reign of Asa, his father (1 K. 22:41)?

2. Locate the following on a map: Ezion-geber (1 K. 22:48; 2 Chron. 20:36), Engedi (2 Chron. 20:3), the wilderness of Jeruel (2 Chron. 20:16), and the wilderness of Tekoa (2 Chron. 20:20).

3. What are the "high places" (1 K. 22:43) and the "sodomites" (1 K. 22:46)?

4. How do you reconcile what is said in 1 Kings 22:43 with 2 Chronicles 17:6 and 20:33, concerning the “high places”?
5. What chapter in 1 Kings is the parallel account to 2 Chronicles 18?
6. What is the “valley of Jehoshaphat” mentioned in Joel 3:2, 12?
7. Where earlier in 2 Chronicles are we told that God would hear Israel’s prayer for help in times of battle (2 Chron. 20:8-9)?

Applications for Today

1. We can do many “right” things for the Lord, but one wrong thing will still cause problems in our life (1 K. 22:43; Acts 8:18-24).
2. Follow the commandments of God, not the people around you (2 Chron. 17:3-4; 1 Jn. 3:22).
3. Let our hearts be “lifted up in the ways of Jehovah” (took delight in the ways of the Lord, NKJV) and encouraged as we go through life (2 Chron. 17:6; Rom. 7:22).
4. God’s people need to be taught the law of the Lord (2 Chron. 17:7-9; 2 Tim. 2:2).
5. Let us willingly offer ourselves unto the Lord to serve in his army and to be prepared for war (2 Chron. 17:16, 18; 2 Tim. 2:3-4).
6. Cry out to the Lord for help in time of need (2 Chron. 18:31; Psa. 40:17; Heb. 4:16).
7. We should never help the wicked and love them that hate the Lord (2 Chron. 19:2; Psa. 97:10).
8. Work to bring God’s people back to God when they stray from what is right (2 Chron. 19:4-11; Gal. 6:1; Jas. 5:19-20).
9. Judge righteous judgment at all times (2 Chron. 19:4-7; Jn. 5:30; 7:24).
10. It takes courage to bring people back to God (2 Chron. 19:11; Josh. 23:6).

11. Seek the Lord for help in times of trouble and pray to him with the whole family (2 Chron. 20:1-13; Isa. 55:6).
12. Do not fear, the Lord is on the side of the faithful (2 Chron. 20:14-19; Rev. 2:10).
13. Spiritual security and prosperity comes when we believe in the Lord and his prophets (2 Chron. 20:20; Josh. 1:8; Psa. 1:1-3).
14. Always thank the Lord and praise him for your blessings (2 Chron. 20:24-28; Psa. 92:1).
15. God gives his people rest and peace (2 Chron. 20:30; Isa. 32:18).
16. Jehoshaphat joined himself to wicked Ahab and his wicked son Ahaziah. God's people who are good should never join themselves to God's people who are evil (1 K. 22:44; 2 Chron. 19:1-3; 20:35-37; 2 Cor. 6:14 – 7:1; Rom. 12:1; Jas. 4:4; 1 Jn. 2:15).