

Jehoshaphat's reign over Judah (914-884)

Jehoshaphat reigned 25 yrs. (1 Ki 22 41-50)
(2 Chr 17-21, 3)

Dynasty Davidic.

- Character Good. he walked in the ways of David his father. -- sought to the Lord God of his fathers.
- Deeds, good
- 1 He obeyed the laws of God. 2 Chr 17:3-4
 - 2 He removed the high places & groves of Judah. 17:6
 - 3 The sending of the Prince & Levites & Priests through out the country to teach the people the laws of Jehovab. 17:7-9
 - 4 His wanting to call a prophet of Jehovab and inquire about going to war with Ramoth-Gilead, to help Ahab. 2 Chr 18:4
 - 5 His refusal for going to help Ahab in war against Ramoth-Gilead. 18:11
 - 6 His going through the people from Bersheba to mount Ephraim & bury them back to serve Jehovab. 19:4
 - 7 His setting judges throughout the land and charging them to judge for the Lord not man. 19:6-7
 - 8 His setting of the Levites & the Priests & the chief of the fathers to do judgement for the Lord in Jerusalem & his charge to them. 19:8, 9
 - 9 His turning to God for help when the Ammonites Moabites came in battle array against him & the proclaiming a fast & all the people obeyed him. 20:1-12
 - 10 He humbles himself & all the people before the Lord & worships him. 20:13
 - 11 He obeys the voice of God by the mouth of Jahaziel the prophet. 19:20.

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Dead's bad

His affinity with Ahab, i.e. getting the daughter of Ahab to be his son's wife ch 18.1
His consenting to help Ahab in his war with Ramoth-gilead ch 18.2, 3.

His disobeying the word of Micaiah in going to with Ramoth-gilead ch 18.28

His going himself unto Ahaziah King of Israel. etc. 20.35, 36

Prophets. Jehu son of Hanani

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Special Points

- 1 His piety & prosperity 1 Ki 22.43; 2 Chr 17-19
- 2 He goes up to visit Ahab in Samaria ch 18.2
- 3 The Lord established his kingdom & the Lord gave him presents & the Syrians brought tribute silver & the Arabians brought from 7,700 rams & 7,700 goats & Jehoshaphat's ward great exceedingly & did much business in Judah. 18.11-13

Important events

Ahab & Jehoshaphat hold a war council with false prophets 17.5
Jehoshaphat is not satisfied their answer requests Ahab to call a prophet of Jehovah 17.6
Micaiah the Prophet is called & warns not to go to war 18.7-16

Ahab denounces his prophecy & says it is false 18.17

Micaiah's second vision & prophecy of the lying spirit that should enter the mouth of the false prophet 18.19-22

The lying spirit enters Zedekiah & he smites Micaiah 18.23

Micaiah prophesies against Zedekiah. 18.24

Ahab puts Micaiah in prison 18.25, 26

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Important events Ahaz & Jehoshaphat go to war with Ramoth-Gilead. The king of Syria comes out to meet & gives orders, to only fight against Ahaz & to kill him only; but they pursue Jehoshaphat in mistake, then they turn on Ahaz and he is mortally wounded. 18.29-34. Jehu goes out to meet Jehoshaphat & rebukes him for ignoring command. ^{eliezer} prophesies against Jehu & his fleet that they shall be destroyed. 20.37. ^(19.23) They are broken up because they were so big and unwieldy. 20.37.

Foreign affairs War with Ramoth-Gilead talks of by Ahaz & he entices Jehoshaphat to help him. War is declared. 18.28. ^(18.2,3,4) They are defeated and Ahaz is killed 18.33,34. The Moabites and Ammonites come to fight against them 20.1. Jehoshaphat consults the Lord about it 20.6-13. The Ammonites & Moabites are defeated & Jehu takes the spoils 20.22-25. Jehoshaphat goes in league with Azariah & builds ships in Exion-gaber. 20.26.

Prophets Jehu the son of Hanani: 19.2: Jahaziel the singer.

Biblical material 1 Ki 22.44-50: 2 Chr 17.3-19: Rom 8.2,83

Lessons When we follow Jesus we shall not want any good thing & but when turn aside from his ways God will chasten us for it & if we repent He will forgive us & love freely again. If we become rightly joined together with unbelievers, we shall be hindered for it. If we go on with them to meet more needs.