The Chronicles of the Kings of Judah

A Good King and an Evil Ally
Lesson 12
2 Chronicles 17-19

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1&2 Chronicles

Outline
1. Genealogy (1 Chronicles 1-9)
2. King David (1 Chronicles 10-29)
3. King Solomon (2 Chronicles 1-9)
4. Division and collapse of the monarchy (2 Chronicles 10-36)

▶ Key events
  • The Davidic Covenant (1 Chronicles 17)
  • Building the House of God in Jerusalem
  • Destruction of the Monarchy and the House

▶ Are “the gifts and calling of God” truly irrevocable?

▶ John 5:39 – 1&2 Chronicles teach of Christ
Israel’s History in Chronicles

- Failure of Saul – did not seek the LORD
- Establishment of Davidic monarchy
- Construction of the House of God
- Failure of Solomon (#2) – idolatry
- God’s judgment – divided kingdom
- Rehoboam (#3) – did not seek the LORD (12:14)
- Abijah (#4) – like father, like son (1 Kings 15:3)
- Asa (#5) – good and right . . . acted foolishly
- Jehoshaphat (#6) – “some good in you . . .”
The Dynasty of Omri

- Israel led by 5 dynasties and 5 kings
  - Jeroboam, Baasha, Omri, Jehu, Menahem
  - Zimri, Tibni, Shallum, Pekah, Hoshea.
- Omri – 12 years in 8 verses
  - Built Samaria
  - Defeated Moab and obtained tribute
  - Phoenician alliance with King Ethbaal of Tyre and Zidon
- Ahab – 22 years
  - Jezebel
  - Baal worship
  - Elijah
  - Syria – 3 battles with Ben-hadad
The Early Days of Jehoshaphat (17)

- Co-regent with Asa (3 years)
- Followed the example of David (17:3-4)
- The LORD established His kingdom
  - All Judah brought tribute
  - Took pride in the ways of the LORD
  - His heart was high in the ways of the LORD
  - Removed high places
  - Sent teachers through the land
- Fear of the LORD – on all surrounding kingdoms
Great riches and honor

Alliance by marriage – Jehoram and Athaliah

Ahab’s plan – joint effort to recover Ramoth-gilead

Jehoshaphat’s response
  • Agreed to go
  • Wanted a word from the LORD about the outcome
The Lord Speaks by Micaiah (18:6-27)

- In jail
- Outnumbered 400 to 1
- Captive to the Word of the LORD
- “Go up and succeed . . .”
- Israel – no shepherd; no master; return home in peace
- The scene in heaven and a deceiving spirit
- In jail
Ahab and the Word of the LORD

- Delivered by the LORD twice from Ben-hadad
- Fire from heaven on Mount Carmel
- Repentance and mercy
- Hated Micaiah
- Despised the grace of God
- Sought to hide from God
- Killed by “chance” (Proverbs 16:33)
Jehoshaphat – An Unexpected Fall

- Great riches and honor
- A marriage alliance with Ahab
- Not an act of overt rebellion
- The ways of God – Isaiah 55:8-9
- Careless with the Word of God – Jer 8:9; 9:23-24; Ps 119:10-11
- Disapproved by God (20:35)
Jehu Defines the Problem  (19:1-3)

“Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD and so bring wrath on yourself from the LORD?”

- Confused human love with Divine love – polar opposites
  - Proverb 3:12 – chastening
  - Luke 6:27, 35 – do good and lend, not expecting return
  - 2 Corinthians 6:14 – no unequal yoke
  - 2 Corinthians 6:15-18 – holiness – do not touch the unclean
  - Romans 12:9 – love without hypocrisy is to abhor evil; cling to good
  - Jeremiah 31:1-6 – love of God draws us
Jehoshaphat Answers (19:4-11)

- Contrast with Asa’s response to Hanani (16:10)
- Evangelized into Ephraim (19:4)
- Judges – render judgment for the LORD (19:5-8)
- Fear God, not man (19:9-11)
On High Alert

- The deception of prosperity/peace
- The deception of human wisdom
- Trust in the LORD with all your heart