

The Chronicles of the Kings of Judah

The Fruit of an Unequal Yoke

Lesson 13

2 Chronicles 20-22

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The History of Israel

- ▶ Promised to Abraham; formed during the Exodus
- ▶ Davidic Monarchy established ca. 1000 B.C.
- ▶ Division for sin – Judah and Ephraim/Israel
- ▶ Northern Kingdom (Israel) – uniformly evil
 - 5 Monarchs and 5 individual kings
 - Terminated in 722 B.C.
- ▶ Southern Kingdom (Judah) – variable spiritual state
 - Davidic Monarchy
 - House of God
- ▶ Promise of restoration – both divisions (Ezekiel 37)

Israel and the Church

- ▶ Israel is not the Church
- ▶ Israel is a nation of Jews – promised to Abraham
- ▶ Israel is mostly pagan – a remnant of believers
- ▶ The Church is the Body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23)
- ▶ Only believers are in the Church (1 John 2:19-20)
- ▶ Israel is not a figure of the Church
- ▶ O.T. figure for Israel is a prostitute (Ezek. 16, 20, 23)
- ▶ Israel does not exist now but will at the end of the age

Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 17-19)

- ▶ Established by the LORD (17:5)
- ▶ Made a marriage alliance with Ahab (18:1)
- ▶ Repented

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1 Chronicles 20-22

- ▶ Doing right in the sight of the LORD (20:1-32)
 - Great faith (20:1-22)
 - Great victory (20:23-25)
 - Great kingdom (20:26-32)
- ▶ Doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD (20:33-22:12)
 - Great sin (20:33-37)
 - Great fruit (21-22)

Doing Right in the Sight of the LORD

1 Chronicles 20:1-32

- ▶ Rebuke and repentance (19)
- ▶ A great army (20:1-2)
 - Moab, Ammon, Edom
 - Jehoshaphat's fear
 - Jehoshaphat turned his attention to seek the LORD (20:3-4)

A Prayer of Faith (20:5-13)

- ▶ The attributes of God: exalted, sovereign, powerful
- ▶ The promise of God (to Abraham)
- ▶ The promise of God (to Solomon)
- ▶ The mercy of God
- ▶ The request: "O our God, will you not judge them?"
- ▶ The faith:
 - We are powerless
 - We are ignorant
 - We are trusting You alone – Our eyes are upon you
 - Waiting upon the LORD – Psalm 62:5

The Proof of Faith (20:14-21)

- ▶ Jahaziel – "Thus says the LORD to you . . ."
 - Do not fear this great army.
 - The battle is God's
 - Go to the battlefield as spectators
- ▶ Worship
 - The object of faith is the Triune God
 - The exalted God
 - The faithful God
 - The wise God
 - Their response: adoration of God – worship
- ▶ Praise
 - Taking delight in the Word of the LORD
 - His everlasting lovingkindness
- ▶ The army: a choir and spectators

A Great Battle (20:22-25)

- ▶ The battle is God's (20:15)
- ▶ "Routed" (v. 22)
 - Moab and Ammon destroyed Edom
 - Moab and Ammon destroyed each other
- ▶ Judah collected the spoil for 3 days

A Great Kingdom (20:26-34)

- ▶ Valley of Beracah – blessing
- ▶ The dread of God on the kingdoms (17:10; 20:29)
 - A kingdom at peace – God's rest
 - Did not depart from doing right in the sight of the LORD

Doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD

1 Chronicles 20:33-22:12

- ▶ High places left . . . (17:6; 20:33)
- ▶ Another alliance with the house of Ahab – Ahaziah
 - Commercial project in Gulf of Aqaba
 - Rebuke by Eliezer
 - Ships were broken up – financial loss

Great Consequences (21)

- ▶ Jehoram, son of Jehoshaphat, became king
 - Murdered his brothers
 - Lived like Ahab – father-in-law
 - Did evil in the sight of the LORD
 - The Everlasting Covenant with David – preserved the line
 - Rebellion by Edom and Libnah
 - Rebuke by Elijah the prophet
 - Walked in the ways of the kings of Israel
 - Great calamity on sons, wives and possessions
 - Severe sickness of the bowels
 - Defeat by Philistines and Arabs – possessions, wives and sons
 - Severe bowel disease – bowels came out and had severe pain
 - Dishonored at death – not buried with kings – "with no one's regret"

Great Consequences (22)

- ▶ Ahaziah – surviving son of Jehoram; ruled 1 year
 - Son of Athaliah, granddaughter of Omri
 - Athaliah was his counselor to do evil
 - Did evil in the eyes of the LORD
 - Counseled by the house of Ahab – uncle Jehoram
 - Went to war with Uncle Jehoram
 - Jehu killed both . . . and became king in Israel
- ▶ Athaliah
 - Destroyed her grandchildren
 - Her daughter saved one grandson (Joash) and hid him
 - Athaliah ruled Jerusalem for 6 years
 - Evil but details not given

The Fruit of an Unequal Yoke

- ▶ Forbidden fruit (2 Corinthians 6:14)
- ▶ Great faith – seek the LORD first
- ▶ The deception of sin
- ▶ The complications of sin