

2 Chronicles 17:3 (NLT)

The LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the example of his father's early years and did not worship the images of Baal.

2 Chronicles 17:4 (NLT)

He sought his father's God and obeyed his commands instead of following the evil practices of the kingdom of Israel.

2 Chronicles 17:6 (NLT)

He was deeply committed to the ways of the LORD. He removed the pagan shrines and Asherah poles from Judah.

2 Chronicles 17:10 (NLT)

Then the fear of the LORD fell over all the surrounding kingdoms so that none of them wanted to declare war on Jehoshaphat.

2 Chronicles 20:15 (NLT)

...Listen, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Listen, King Jehoshaphat! This is what the LORD says: Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's.

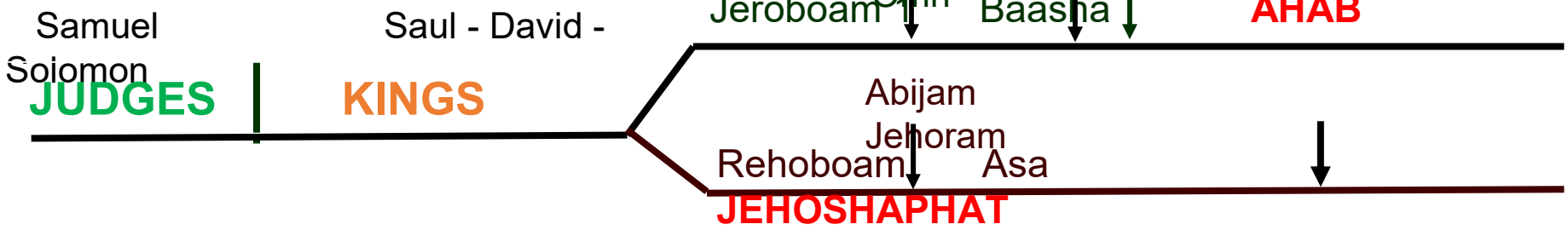
2 Chronicles 20:20 (NLT)

Early the next morning the army of Judah went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. On the way Jehoshaphat stopped and said, “Listen to me, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be able to stand firm...

**The BATTLE is
NOT Yours**

2 Chronicles 17-20

Israel - Northern Kingdom



Judah - Southern Kingdom

Chronicles was written to... HOTC

- teach WHY the **EXILE** had taken place
- to teach Real Life **LESSONS** from the lives of the Kings of Judah
- show the **LINE** of Kings leading to the Messiah
- show that the Messiah King of Israel was Desperately **NEEDED**

Jehoshaphat...

- followed the Good **EXAMPLE** of his Father
- did **NOT** worship Baals
- **SOUGHT** after God

- **OBEYED** God's Commands
- **DEEPLY** Devoted to the Lord
- **REMOVED** the places of Idol worship

4 He **SOUGHT** his father's **God** and
obeyed His commands...

1 Chronicles 22:18–19 (HCS)

Now determine in your mind and heart to

SEEK the LORD your God....

It is a **Conscious Choice** to direct the
heart and **mind** toward **God.** JP

Colossians 3:1–3 (NIV)

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **SET your HEARTS** on things above, **where Christ is seated** at the **right hand of God**.

² **SET** your **MINDS** on things above,
NOT on earthly things. ³ For you died,
and your life is now hidden
with Christ in God.

This **SETTING** of the mind is the
OPPOSITE of mental coasting.
It is a **Conscious Choice** to **DIRECT**
the heart **toward God**. JP

17:7 In the third year of his reign Jehoshaphat
SENT his officials to **TEACH**
in **ALL** the towns of Judah.

17:10 Then **the FEAR of the LORD** fell over all
the **surrounding kingdoms SO THAT**
none of them wanted to declare
war on Jehoshaphat

It makes no sense to teach everybody to obey divine law and then **not to enforce it**. Remember that there was more to **the Law** than sacrifices and personal righteousness; it also included **instructions for the people of God on HOW to FUNCTION as a Community.** HOTC

If God is **FOR US** -
WHO
can be **AGAINST** us?

Hebrews 12:1–3 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us **throw off everything that hinders** and the **sin that so easily entangles**, and **let us RUN** with **perseverance** the race marked out for us.

² Let us **FIX** our eyes on **Jesus**, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and **SAT DOWN** at the right hand of the **throne of God**.

³ **CONSIDER Him** who endured such
opposition from sinful men, **SO THAT**
you will not
grow weary and lose heart.

To **set our minds** towards God in **ALL** our experiences, is to **DIRECT** our minds and hearts towards Him through His Word.

This is what **SEEKING** God means. JP