

What was He THINKING? ~ 2 Chronicles 18

→ Scripture Reading - 2 Chron. 18:1-4, 7, 16, 22

INTRODUCTION

2 Chronicles 17:3, 6 (ESV) The LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the earlier ways of his father David. He did not seek the Baals...

⁶ His heart was courageous in the ways of the LORD. And furthermore, he took the high places and the Asherim OUT of Judah.

Did they... Bibleproject

- Worship the God of Israel ALONE?
- Purge Israel of IDOLATRY?
- Remain FAITHFUL to the Covenant?

The Role of PROPHETS was to... Bibleproject

- SPEAK on For God
- be Covenant WATCHDOGS
- Point out IDOLATRY and INJUSTICE
- Challenge Israel to REPENT and FOLLOW God
- Remind Israel they were to be the LIGHT to the Nations

The REQUEST ~ 2 Chronicles 18:1-5

¹ Jehoshaphat enjoyed great riches and high esteem, and he made an ALLIANCE with Ahab of Israel by having his son marry Ahab's daughter.

1 Kings 16:30–33 (NLT) ³⁰ But Ahab did what was EVIL in the LORD's sight... ³² First Ahab BUILT a temple and an altar for Baal in Samaria. ³³ Then he SET UP an Asherah pole. He did MORE to provoke the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, than any of the other kings of Israel before him.

² A few years later he went to Samaria to visit Ahab, who prepared a great banquet for him and his officials. They butchered great numbers of sheep, goats, and cattle for the feast. Then Ahab enticed Jehoshaphat to join forces with him to recover Ramoth-gilead. ³ "Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead?" King Ahab of Israel asked King Jehoshaphat of Judah. Jehoshaphat replied, Why, of course! You and I are as one, and my troops are your troops. We will certainly join you in battle ⁴ Then Jehoshaphat added, But FIRST let's find out what the LORD says... (NLT)

IMPLICATION

¹³ But Micaiah replied... I will say ONLY what my God says." (NLT)

²⁵ "Arrest him!" the king of Israel ordered... ²⁶ ...Put this man in prison, and feed him nothing but bread and water until I return safely from the battle!"

John 13:15–16 (NIV) ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

¹⁶ I tell you the truth, no servant is GREATER than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; - bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to thy God to order and provide; - in every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend - thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

BAD Plan ~ 1 Chronicles 18:28-34

³³ An Aramean soldier, however, RANDOMLY shot an arrow at the Israelite troops and hit the king of Israel BETWEEN the joints of his armor. "Turn the horses and get me out of here!" Ahab groaned to the driver of the chariot. "I'm badly wounded!" ³⁴ The battle raged all that day, and the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot facing the Arameans. In the evening, just as the sun was setting, HE DIED. (NLT)

IMPLICATION

²⁹ As we go into battle, I will disguise myself so no one will recognize me, but you wear your royal robes...

³⁴ The battle raged all that day, and the king of Israel propped himself up in his chariot facing the Arameans. In the evening, just as the sun was setting, HE DIED. (NLT)

Observations...

1- It is Impossible to _____ the Judgment of God

2- The Plans and Purposes of God will

Proverbs 19:21 (ESV) Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.

3- We will Always harvest _____ what we plant

Galatians 6:7 (NIV) Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Applications...

1- It is Impossible to ESCAPE the Judgment of God

Romans 8:1 (NIV) Therefore, there is now NO Condemnation for those who are IN Christ Jesus,

2- The Plans and Purposes of God will STAND

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NET) "Indeed, my plans are not like your plans, and my deeds are not like your deeds, ⁹ for just as the sky is higher than the earth, so my deeds are superior to your deeds and my plans superior to your plans.

3- We will Always harvest EXACTLY what we plant

Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest IF we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

TAKE AWAY ??

³³ But someone drew his bow at RANDOM and hit the king of Israel BETWEEN the sections of his armor.

There is strength within the sorrow - There is beauty in our tears
And you meet us in our mourning - With a love that cast out fear
You are working in our waiting - You're sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding - You're teaching us to trust

Your plans are still to prosper - You have not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the flood - You're faithful forever
Perfect in love - You are sovereign over us

Even what the enemy means for evil - You turn it for our good
You turn it for our good and for your glory - Even in the valley, you are faithful
You're working for our good - You're working for our good and for your glory