

2 Chronicles 18:1 (NLT)

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

2 Chronicles 18:2-3 (NLT)

A few years later he went to Samaria to visit Ahab, who prepared a great banquet for him and his officials...³ “Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead?...”

2 Chronicles 18:3-4 (NLT)

...We will certainly join you in battle. ⁴ Then Jehoshaphat added, “But first let’s find out what the LORD says.”

2 Chronicles 18:7 (NLT)

...There is one more man who could consult the LORD for us, but I hate him. He never prophesies anything but trouble for me!

His name is Micaiah...

2 Chronicles 18:16 (NLT)

Then Micaiah told him, “In a vision I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, like sheep without a shepherd. And the LORD said, ‘Their master has been killed. Send them home in peace.’”

2 Chronicles 18:22 (NLT)

...the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouths
of your prophets. For the LORD has
pronounced your doom.”

**What was He
THINKING?**

2 Chronicles 18

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...

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

The Role of **PROPHETS** was to...

- **SPEAK** on For God
- be Covenant **WATCHDOGS**
- Point out **IDOLATRY** and **INJUSTICE**

The Role of **PROPHETS** was to...

- Challenge Israel to **REPENT** and **FOLLOW** God
- Remind Israel they were to be the **LIGHT** to the Nations

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.

1 Kings 16:30–33 (NLT)

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.



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**
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

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 **ESCAPE** the Judgment of God

2- The **Plans** and **Purposes** of God will **STAND**

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

Observations...

3- We will **Always** harvest **EXACTLY** what we plant

Gal. 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

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

Applications...

2- The Plans and Purposes of God will **STAND**

Is. 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.

Applications...

3- We will **Always** harvest **EXACTLY** what we plant

Gal. 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.

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

1 Timothy 6:13–16 (CSB)

¹³...I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without fault or failure until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ God will bring this about in HIS own time.
He is the blessed and only Sovereign, the
King of kings, and the Lord of lords,

¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see, to HIM be honor and eternal power. Amen.

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