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The reign of Jehoshaphat son of Asa  
 1 Kings 22:41-50; 2 Chronicles 17:1-21:1

- Jehoshaphat began his rule by efforts toward strengthening the kingdom. 17:1-19
  - Israel, the Northern Kingdom had been a constant threat throughout his father, Asa's, reign.
  - Placed and supplied armed forces in the fortified cities
  - Asa had expanded the territory of the Southern Kingdom into the area of Ephraim in the Northern Kingdom and fortified these places as a buffer zone between the kingdoms.

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The reign of Jehoshaphat son of Asa  
 1 Kings 22:41-50; 2 Chronicles 17:1-21:1

- Jehoshaphat began his rule by efforts toward strengthening the kingdom. 17:1-19
  - Lived in obedience to God's commands
    - Did not walk in the way of the Baals
    - Removed the high places and Asherim out of Judah

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The reign of Jehoshaphat son of Asa  
 1 Kings 22:41-50; 2 Chronicles 17:1-21:1

- Jehoshaphat began his rule by efforts toward strengthening the kingdom. 17:1-19
- Sent Levites and priests to teach God's Word throughout the land as they had been commissioned to do by God's word to Moses. Leviticus 10:11; Deuteronomy 31:9-13

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The reign of Jehoshaphat son of Asa  
 1 Kings 22:41-50; 2 Chronicles 17:1-21:1

- Jehoshaphat began his rule by efforts toward strengthening the kingdom. 17:1-19
- God protected Judah from the surrounding nations.
- The nations brought tribute to Jehoshaphat.
- Had a fighting force of over one million soldiers.
- This is fulfillment of God's Word to Moses in Deuteronomy 28:7-14 that He would protect and provide for his people if they walked in obedience to Him.

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The reign of Jehoshaphat son of Asa  
 1 Kings 22:41-50; 2 Chronicles 17:1-21:1

- Jehoshaphat entered into an alliance with Ahab 1 Kings 22:1-36; 2 Chronicles 18:1-34
- Jehoram, Jehoshaphat's son who would succeed him as king married the daughter of Ahab.
- Ahab leveraged the relationship to convince Jehoshaphat to go to war with him against Ramoth-gilead which belonged to Israel but was currently controlled by the Syrians.

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The reign of Jehoshaphat son of Asa  
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- Jehoshaphat entered into an alliance with Ahab 1 Kings 22:1-36; 2 Chronicles 18:1-34
  - Ahab responded to Jehoshaphat’s insistence on consulting Yahweh before this battle by summoning 400 “yes men” prophets.
  - These prophets were insistent that “God” would assure victory.
  - Jehoshaphat discerned the insincerity of these “prophets” and asked if a prophet of Yahweh was available.

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The reign of Jehoshaphat son of Asa  
 1 Kings 22:41-50; 2 Chronicles 17:1-21:1

- Jehoshaphat entered into an alliance with Ahab 1 Kings 22:1-36; 2 Chronicles 18:1-34
  - Ahab responded that Micaiah was a prophet of Yahweh but he did not care for him because his messages were not favorable to him.

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The reign of Jehoshaphat son of Asa  
 1 Kings 22:41-50; 2 Chronicles 17:1-21:1

- Jehoshaphat entered into an alliance with Ahab 1 Kings 22:1-36; 2 Chronicles 18:1-34
  - Micaiah came and first mimicked the other prophets but then presented God’s message:
    - Micaiah gave the message that Ahab would die, and the armies of Israel would be scattered.
    - Micaiah further gave the insight that these prophets had been sent with their false message to begin God’s judgment on the house of Ahab.

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The reign of Jehoshaphat son of Asa  
 1 Kings 22:41-50; 2 Chronicles 17:1-21:1

- Jehoshaphat entered into an alliance with Ahab 1 Kings 22:1-36; 2 Chronicles 18:1-34
  - One of the false prophets struck Micaiah and received the message that he would soon be running and hiding for his life.
  - Ahab ordered Micaiah detained until his return and Micaiah stated that the fact that Ahab would not return would validate his message.

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- Jehoshaphat entered into an alliance with Ahab 1 Kings 22:1-36; 2 Chronicles 18:1-34
  - Incredibly Jehoshaphat joined Ahab in this battle.
  - More incredibly he went for the suggestion that Jehoshaphat go into the battle looking like a king while Ahab disguised himself as a regular soldier.
  - Although deliberately put into jeopardy, Jehoshaphat survived the battle.
  - Despite his deceptive efforts Ahab perished in the battle.

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Lessons

- Build and maintain the defenses necessary to live victoriously.
- Be ready and eager to destroy anything in your life that competes for your devotion to God. (see Colossians 3:5-9)
- Knowing and doing the will of God is inextricably connected to knowing God's Word.

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Lessons

- Live so as to place yourself in the path of God's blessings.
- Be discerning in relationships.
- Don't play games with God.
- There is no escaping God's judgment.

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