

FINAL STUDY NOTES – 2 Chronicles Chapters 20-22 8/24-25/2026

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OPENING PRAYER

LAST WEEK: **2 Chronicles Chapter 17** – Jehoshaphat Reigns in Judah. **Chapter 18** – Micaiah Warns Ahab; Ahab Dies in Battle. **Chapter 19** – The Reforms of Jehoshaphat.

THIS WEEK: **2 Chronicles Chapter 20** – Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir Defeated– (vs. 1-30); The End of Jehoshaphat's Reign – (vs. 31-37). **Chapter 21** – Jehoram Reigns in Judah – (vs. 1-20); **Chapter 22** – Ahaziah Reigns in Judah – (vs. 1-9); Athaliah Reigns in Judah – (vs. 10-12).

Jehoshaphat's Prayer - 2Ch 20:1-2 *It happened after this that the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and others with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat. [2] Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar" (which is En Gedi).*

- Now the enemy had already moved into much of the land before the king got word of it. They had already come over on this side of the Jordan and were in the area of En Gedi, not far from Jerusalem.

2Ch 20:3-4 *And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. [4] So Judah gathered together to ask help from the LORD; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.*

- This is a great illustration for us in times of fear! Jehoshaphat's reaction is fear! But then his second reaction is the best way to combat fear. He set himself to seek the LORD, saying I must get His mind in this. He goes to prayer! Prayer is the greatest thing to come against fear because there is nothing that anybody else can say to me that can really alleviate my fear. We need to hear, LORD! What is really going on?

- **Then, even more importantly, what do You want me to do here?** Those are things that God reveals to us through prayer. So he set himself to seek the LORD and he proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah! So they came from all the cities of Judah to seek the LORD!

2Ch 20:5 Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,

- **The nation is being threatened, with one of the greatest threats to its survival and existence** of the nation because these three powerful kingdoms to the east have joined together in an invasion. Any one of these nations would be a formidable foe. All three of them combined, there is no possible physical way that they can go against them in battle and prevail. Jehoshaphat calls for a fast throughout all Judah! The people gather together in Jerusalem. They stand there in the court of the temple, to seek the LORD.
- **Jehoshaphat prays to the LORD. Those recorded prayers in the Bible, always give us much** to learn from. The prayers of Paul; of the apostles in the Book of Acts; of Jesus; of David; of Jehoshaphat; of Asa. It is a profitable study, to go through and study the prayers in the Bible!

2Ch 20:6 and said: "O LORD God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?"

- **The first, and most important thing to your prayer is the address.** Here he says, "O LORD God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations?"
- **In (Act 4:24) So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,**
- **Jesus said, (Mat 6:9) In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.** The address. Who am I addressing? Our Father in heaven. "You dwell in heaven."
- **Paul said, (Eph 3:14-15) For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, [15] from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.** That is important to whom I am addressing my prayer.
- **LORD, they are more than we can face! They are more than we can handle,** but no one can stand against You! But in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?

2Ch 20:7 Are You not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham, Your friend forever?

- **"You are the God that gave this land to us. You are the God that drove out the inhabitants** that were here because you had promised to Abraham, to give this land to his descendants forever. You kept Your word! You kept your promise! We are here because of Your promise to Abraham, Your friend." What a neat title that was given to Abraham, he is called, "the friend of God!" I love that title!

2Ch 20:8-9 And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying, [9] 'If disaster comes upon us—sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this temple and in Your presence (for Your name is in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.'

- **Solomon prayed this when he dedicated the temple.** He put together many different scenarios, whereby the people in their problems, and afflictions, and troubles, would be forced to call upon the LORD.
- **And when they do, then hear from Your dwelling place in heaven, and answer. God responded to Solomon,** and said, "If there is a sword, if there is a pestilence and famine, if there is a problem in the land, if My people who are called by My name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will answer their prayers, and will heal their land." God had promised. We dedicated it! Now we are in trouble! We are calling up Your name!"

2Ch 20:10 And now, here are the people of Ammon Moab, and Mount Seir—whom You would not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them—

- **When Moses was leading the children of Israel to the promised land,** when they came to the borders of Edom, the king came out with his armies and said, "You can't pass here!" They wanted to attack them. The LORD said, "No, they are relatives of yours, descendants of Esau. God said, "Do not attack them!"

2Ch 20:11 here they are, rewarding us by coming to throw us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit.

- **LORD look what they are doing! They are trying to cast us out of the inheritance that You gave to us!**
- 2Ch 20:12** O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You."

- **O our God, listen; the nation is listening to their king, O our God.** Will You not judge them? And listen to what he says. *For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us!*
- **We have no power to stand before them. We do not know what to do. We do not have a plan.** We are not making something up and saying bless it. But this one thing we are doing, keeping our eyes on You! LORD, we are standing on Your Word. We are trusting You. This is a remarkable, remarkable verse that He puts there! Of course, in this way God's going to get all of the glory.
- ***Our eyes are upon You! What a good example this is for us in time of fear! I do not have any idea what is going to happen here, but my eyes are on the LORD! We are going to trust in Him and see what He does. So just honesty, no pretense.***

2Ch 20:13 Now all Judah, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before the LORD.

- **What a picture! Their little children, their wives, standing before the LORD!** We are in need of help. LORD, we are being threatened. We do not know where to turn. But we do know to turn to You LORD! We look to seeing You.

2Ch 20:14-15 Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. [15] And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the LORD to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's!"

- **Glory! Glory! Glory! This is not my battle!** I wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers. I am no match. I cannot do it. But the weapons of my warfare are not carnal, but they are mighty through God, to the pulling down of the strongholds of the enemy.

2Ch 20:16 Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel.

- **You are not going to even have to fight this battle.** Just go down and watch Me do it!

2Ch 20:17 You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem! "Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you."

- **The LORD speaks to them, saying I am going to destroy this invading army; I am not even going to use you to engage them in battle, but to watch the great thing that I am going to do in delivering you.**
- **They were required to show up at the battle!** It was a significant step of faith to **position yourselves**, to stand still, and to believe that you would see the salvation of the LORD in the face of a large attacking army.
- ***Whenever we are facing a great fearful trial; praying and surrendering it to our Lord; recognizing His answer that He will fight the battle, we still have to show up at the fearful battle site! We have a need to see Him work, up closely!***

2Ch 20:18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the LORD, worshiping the LORD.

- **Oh what words of encouragement! God has spoken.** He has promised to help! He has promised to deliver! He promised to set us free from the enemy. Oh praise God! The people are worshiping the LORD!
- **Just imagine the whole nation with their little ones, their wives, the inhabitants of Jerusalem!** They all fell before the LORD and began worshiping Him; no doubt with all of their hearts and genuine faith!

2Ch 20:19 Then the Levites of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korahites stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with voices loud and high.

- **Here was the praise of faith.** They were confident enough in God's promise of victory to begin the praise before the battle was won. So great was their trust that the choir marched in front of the army, singing psalms!

2Ch 20:20-21 So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe (Have faith!) in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." [21] And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness (in holy attire), as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever."

- **What a sight that must have been!** The army going out against the enemy with the choir in front of them singing praises to the LORD. "*Praise the LORD, For His mercy endures forever.*"

2Ch 20:22-24 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. [23] For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another. [24] So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there were their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped.

- These three invading nations started fighting each other. Two picked on the one, utterly wiping them out! Having done that, then they started to fight with each other! I mean everybody was wiped out!
- Similar to God's intervention in Gideon's day, God caused confusion among the enemy, who mistakenly turned upon themselves and slaughtered one another. The destruction was complete before Jehoshaphat and his army ever met the enemy.

2Ch 20:25 When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much.

- God's glorious victory. They are standing still and just seeing God work! So much spoil! They could not even gather all of it in three days!

2Ch 20:26 And on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Berachah, for there they blessed the LORD; therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berachah until this day.

- The valley got a new name. It was a place of blessing. "Call it Berachah, a place of blessing."

2Ch 20:27-28 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, with Jehoshaphat in front of them, to go back to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them rejoice over their enemies. [28] So they came to Jerusalem, with stringed instruments and harps and trumpets, to the house of the LORD.

- Here is an important part of prayer too! When God answers our prayers, it is important to do what they did and that is say thank You. Thankfulness is a very attractive trait in a human being, and it is attractive to God as well because He takes note of it and He records it here in the passage.

2Ch 20:29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries when they heard that the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel.

- This victory was so obvious from the LORD that everybody said, All right, hands off. We do not want to take on their God. This was one of the net results of the victory.

2Ch 20:30-33 Then the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him rest all around. [31] So Jehoshaphat was king over Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. [32] And he walked in the way of his father Asa, and did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the sight of the LORD. [33] Nevertheless the high places were not taken away, for as yet the people had not directed their hearts to the God of their fathers.

- The people had not directed their hearts to the God of their fathers. Jehoshaphat was a reformer, but the people would not be thoroughly reformed.

2Ch 20:34-35 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Jehu the son of Hanani, which is mentioned in the book of the kings of Israel. [35] After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who acted very wickedly.

- Jehoshaphat, when are you going to learn? He had joined with Ahab earlier. The prophet had rebuked him. "You know, should you help those who are so ungodly? Should you love those who hate the LORD?" He received the rebuke. He repented, went out, and initiated some spiritual reforms, but this king of Israel, Ahaziah, is the son of wicked Ahab. He follows in the path of his father, and Jehoshaphat joins with Ahaziah.
- Ahaziah was the brother of his daughter-in-law. When he joined affinity with Ahab, his son, Jehoram, married Athaliah. Athaliah was the sister of Amaziah. It is still sort of a family thing.

2Ch 20:36 And he allied himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish, and they made the ships in Ezion Geber.

- Tarshish here could not be the area of England or Spain, but somewhere along Africa. They joined together in this venture to gather gold. Much as did Solomon, sending out the ships down in the African coast.

2Ch 20:37 But Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have allied yourself with Ahaziah, the LORD has destroyed your works." Then the ships were wrecked, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

- The ships that they were building for this merchandising got wrecked, so this alliance did not last. Ahaziah only reigns for two years before he gets wiped out.
- We have seen Jehoshaphat, under great fear, beautifully turning to the LORD and being totally blessed with a great victory, learning a most valuable lesson of seeking the LORD in a dire situation.
- Yet he lapses right back into the same sin, joining together with a wicked man to send ships down to Africa.
- **We have seen methods of experiencing God's victory. The way God works, the way God wants to work in our life. The way God wants to receive the glory for the work that He does in our lives. Just so much to be gleaned, and to learn. It would do well to go back over this chapter and meditate upon these things.**

Jehoram Reigns in Judah - 2Ch 21:1 And Jehoshaphat rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

- Jehoshaphat was a godly king. Yet one of the worst things he ever did was to arrange the marriage of his son Jehoram to Athaliah, the daughter of the evil king Ahab and his wife Jezebel.

2Ch 21:2-4 He (Jehoram) had brothers, the sons of Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, Azaryahu, Michael, and Shephatiah; all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. [3] Their father gave them great gifts of silver and gold and precious things, with fortified cities in Judah (away from Jerusalem to scatter them so not to be a threat to Jehoram); but he gave the kingdom to Jehoram, because he was the firstborn. [4] Now when Jehoram was established over the kingdom of his father, he strengthened himself and killed all his brothers with the sword, and also others of the princes of Israel.

- Jehoshaphat, doing the same wise thing that Rehoboam had done, scattered his sons by giving them fortified cities in Judah, away from Jerusalem. However, we see that it did not prevent Jehoram from killing all his brothers, after being established!
- Jehoram, accompanying his father on these ventures north, seeing the evil and the wickedness that existed in the northern kingdom, being exposed to all of the licentiousness that was there, being a young teenager was not able to handle it. Though his dad went, and though his dad observed these things, they destroyed his son.
- **Jehoshaphat made the unholy alliance with Ahab. His life was affected but he was able to stay true to the LORD. Jehoram made unholy alliance as did his father. His life was ruined as he turned away completely from the LORD. We need to heed this! If we engage in sinful activities, even if we are not totally snared in them, our children see it; do it; then are drawn into it and their lives are ruined.**
- But seeing these things, they polluted him. He had a fascination for them, as did his father, but his father only in observation, whereas Jehoram participated in the evils of the northern kingdom. He behaved himself as long as his father was alive. As soon as his father died, he gave himself over to the wickedness that marked the northern kingdom. No doubt his wife had a bad effect upon him, being the daughter of Ahab, and Jezebel. Under the reign of Jehoram, the nation of Judah began to sink.

2Ch 21:5 Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

- Jehoram, having a short reign, died at the young age of forty. His death being quickened because of his evil lifestyle.

2Ch 21:6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for he had the daughter of Ahab as a wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

- Jehoram turned his back upon the LORD. Jezebel had introduced the worship of Baal to the northern kingdom. He also, following the model of his mother-in-law, introduced Baal worship in Jerusalem. A temple to Baal was built next to the temple that Solomon had built to the LORD. They had set up priests of Baal there in Jerusalem. "He did that which was evil, as the kings of Israel."

2Ch 21:7 Yet the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that He had made with David, and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons forever.

- Jehoram was spared only because of God's covenant that He made with David. Not because he was righteous or deserving. God honored His covenant.
- How comforting it is that God honors His covenants! He is a faithful God who keeps covenant with His people. Even though the people often fail, as was the case here. A total failure, on the part of Jehoram, and yet God remained faithful and true.
- **How I thank God for the Covenant that He has made with me, through Jesus Christ. For Jesus, when He took the cup said, "This is a New Covenant, in My blood which is shed for the remission of sins." I thank God that He keeps that Covenant. That my sins have been forgiven. Though I may not be faithful, He is faithful. He keeps His Covenant with man!**

2Ch 21:8-10 In his days Edom revolted against Judah's authority, and made a king over themselves. [9] So Jehoram went out with his officers, and all his chariots with him. And he rose by night and attacked the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots. [10] Thus Edom has been in revolt against Judah's authority to this day. At that time Libnah revolted against his rule, because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers.

- God allowed the enemies to be strengthened against them because of the wickedness of Jehoram in turning his back on the LORD and leading the nation of Judah, in a spiritual and moral decline,
- God had said over and over to the kings of Israel, "If you seek Me, I will be found of you; if you forsake Me, I will forsake you." We know that is true today. I cannot walk away from God and the things of God and expect God to continue to give me His divine protection. I can move myself outside of God's protection.
- You know God sometimes allows these things to happen to cause us to turn back to Him. To awaken me to my condition. To draw me back. But Jehoram only became worse after this rebellion.

2Ch 21:11 Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit harlotry, and led Judah astray.

- Notice, even after his father and grandfather Asa and his father Jehoshaphat had accomplished so much in removing the high places, here is Jehoram re-establishing them! Ordered them to worship these pagan deities. Unthinkably wicked!

2Ch 21:12-13 And a letter came to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus says the LORD God of your father David: Because you have not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat your father, or in the ways of Asa king of Judah, [13] but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the harlot like the harlotry of the house of Ahab, and also have killed your brothers, those of your father's household, who were better than yourself,

- There is some difficulty here as to the timing as it would appear that Elijah was dead before he had taken the throne. But Jehoram may have been a co-regent to his father at this point.

2Ch 21:14 behold, the LORD will strike your people with a serious affliction—your children, your wives, and all your possessions;

- Jehoram, you are going to be wiped out. Your children, your wives, and your possessions.

2Ch 21:15 and you will become very sick with a disease of your intestines, until your intestines come out by reason of the sickness, day by day.

- You, yourself shall have a great sickness. Your bowels will become diseased, until they fall out by reason of the sickness day by day. You are going to die a horrible, ugly death.

2Ch 21:16-17 Moreover the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and the Arabians who were near the Ethiopians. [17] And they came up into Judah and invaded it, and carried away all the possessions that were found in the king's house, and also his sons and his wives, so that there was not a son left to him except Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

- Not only did Edom and Libnah rebel, but now the Philistines begin to fight him. Also, the Arabians came up to Judah. They carried away the possessions in the king's house. They carried away his sons and killed them, also his wives; so that there was not a son left, except for Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

2Ch 21:18-19 After all this the LORD struck him in his intestines with an incurable disease. [19] Then it happened in the course of time, after the end of two years, that his intestines came out because of his sickness; so he died in severe pain. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning for his fathers.

- Usually when the king would die, they would light bonfires, gather around, weep and lament over the loss of the king. Not for this fellow. He had eight years of horrible reign, in which the nation went from a position of power, wealth and strength to a position of weakness, conquered by their enemy. Filled with false gods.

2Ch 21:20 *He was thirty-two years old when he became king. He reigned in Jerusalem eight years and, to no one's sorrow, departed. However they buried him in the City of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.*

Ahaziah Reigns One Year in Judah - 2Ch 22:1 *Then the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his place, for the raiders who came with the Arabians into the camp had killed all the older sons. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, reigned.*

- The inhabitants of Jerusalem then made Jehoram's youngest son, Jehoahaz, king. He is called Ahaziah here. He is known by three different names. He will be called Ahaziah here; Azariah (2Ch 22:6); and Jehoahaz (2Ch 21:17). the youngest son, which was the only son not killed by the Arabian raiders.

2Ch 22:2-3 *Ahaziah was forty-two (should be 22) years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri. [3] He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, for his mother advised him to do wickedly.*

- In (2Ki 8:26a) Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Jezebel and Ahab who had married Jehoram. The wicked queen mother had a horrible influence in Judah.
- There is probably nothing more glorious and powerful than the influence of a godly mother. Read the stories of John and Charles Wesley, and the marvelous influence their mother had over them. Godly mothers can carry such tremendous influence over their sons. Thank God for it!
- But even as a good mother can be an influence for good; an evil mother also can be a horrible influence for evil. Athaliah was one of those. An ungodly influence upon her son.

2Ch 22:4 *Therefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab; for they were his counselors after the death of his father, to his destruction.*

- So his wicked mother was his evil counselor, as well as others. Another example of having bad counsel!

2Ch 22:5-6 *He also followed their advice, and went with Jehoram (N) the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram (N). [6] Then he returned to Jezreel to recover from the wounds which he had received at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram (S), king of Judah, went down to see Jehoram (north) the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.*

- He also walked after their counsel, and he went with Jehoram the son of Ahab the king of Israel to war against Hazael, the king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead: and the Syrians smote Joram (N), king of Israel. The northern kingdom. Joram (N) returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds that he received in the battle against the Syrians. And Azariah (third name of Ahaziah), the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick.

2Ch 22:7 *His going to visit Joram was God's occasion for Ahaziah's downfall; for when he arrived, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.*

- Ahaziah's destruction was of God by his coming to Joram (N): This visit to his uncle was going to cost him his life because he went out with Jehoram (S) against Jehu the son of Nimshi.
- The LORD told Jehu that he was to be the king. The prophet came to Jehu, saying "God has appointed you to be the king, to wipe out Ahab, and the ungodly seed of Ahab from the land." So Jehu was coming with a band of men, to kill Joram (N). Ahaziah being there during this bloody purge, also was caught and killed by Jehu.

2Ch 22:8-9 *And it happened, when Jehu was executing judgment on the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah and the sons of Ahaziah's brothers who served Ahaziah, that he killed them. [9] Then he searched for Ahaziah; and they caught him (he was hiding in Samaria), and brought him to Jehu. When they had killed him, they buried him, "because," they said, "he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart." So the house of Ahaziah had no one to assume power over the kingdom.*

- Ahaziah only reigned, for one year. He was twenty-two when he began his reign.
- So the house of Ahaziah had no one to assume power over the kingdom. All of Ahaziah's brethren and their sons had been slain. His own children being young, fell into the hands of Athaliah, who murdered them all, but one, hidden by Jehoshabeath, his aunt. So, Athaliah got the government into her own hands,

Athaliah Reigns in Judah - 2Ch 22:10-12 Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs of the house of Judah. [11] But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king (Jehoram -S), took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons who were being murdered, and put him and his nurse in a bedroom. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah so that she did not kill him. [12] And he was hidden with them in the house of God for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the land.

- **If this had not taken place, the line of David would have been cut off!** And God's promise to David concerning the coming of the Messiah would never have taken place. This is how close it was.
- **Satan has made attempts again and again, attempting to destroy the line** that would lead to Christ. Satan tried many times to kill all the male babies. Here is another instance when Satan had the line of David reduced to only one survivor.
- **This little fellow, Joash, was one year old when he was hidden by Jehoshabeath.** He was kept hidden away in the temple for six years. During that time the bloody queen Athaliah ruled the land.
- **There are important lessons for us to learn in Chapters 20-22.** Lessons of relationships, those that I join with in ventures. The bible clearly tells us **(2Co 6:14) Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.** *For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?*

SUMMARY:

- **2Ch 20:12 Our eyes are upon You! What a good example this is for us in time of fear!** I do not have any idea what is going to happen here, but my eyes are on the LORD! We are going to trust in Him and see what He does. So just honesty, no pretense.
- **2Ch 20:17 Whenever we are facing a great fearful trial; praying and surrendering it to our Lord;** recognizing His answer that He will fight the battle, we still have to show up at the fearful battle site! We have a need to see Him work, up closely!
- **2Ch 20:37 We have seen methods of experiencing God's victory.** The way God works, the way God wants to work in our life. The way God wants to receive the glory for the work that He does in our lives. Just so much to be gleaned, and to learn. It would do well to go back over this chapter and meditate upon these things.
- **2Ch 21:4 Jehoshaphat made the unholy alliance with Ahab. His life was affected but he was able to stay true to the LORD.** Jehoram made unholy alliance as did his father. His life was ruined as he turned away completely from the LORD. We need to heed this! If we engage in sinful activities, even if we are not totally snared in them, our children see it; do it; then are drawn into it and their lives are ruined.
- **2Ch 21:7 How I thank God for the Covenant that He has made with me, through Jesus Christ.** For Jesus, when He took the cup said, "This is a New Covenant, in My blood which is shed for the remission of sins." I thank God that He keeps that Covenant. That my sins have been forgiven. Though I may not be faithful, He is faithful. He keeps His Covenant with man!

THE BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD *Maranatha (2:54/2:57)*

In heavenly armor we will enter the land The battle belongs to the Lord

No weapon that is fashioned against us shall stand The battle belongs to the Lord

Refrain: We sing glory and honor Power and strength to the Lord. (2x)

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood The battle belongs to the Lord

He's raised up a standard, the power of His blood The battle belongs to the Lord (Refrain)

To the Lord! When your enemy presses in hard do not fear The battle belongs to the Lord

Take courage my friend, your redemption is near The battle belongs to the Lord (Refrain 2X)

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study 2 Chronicles, Chapters 23-25