

## 2 CHRONICLES 20:1-12

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- \* Today -- I have the opportunity to give a Bible study
  - \* Reminder -- On Thursday, we celebrated Thanksgiving Day in the United States
  - \* Title -- 2 Chronicles 20:1-12
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\*Jehoshaphat became king of Judah

- 2 Chron. 16:13 Asa (king of Judah) died in the 41st year of his reign
- 14 buried in his tomb -- in City of David
- 2 Chron. 17:1 his son, Jehoshaphat reigned in his place -- strengthened himself against Israel
- 2 Jehoshaphat placed troops in all the fortified cities of Judah -- & in cities of Ephraim which his father had taken
- 3-4the Lord was with Jehoshaphat
- \* Walked in the former ways of David
  - \* Did NOT seek the Baals
  - \* Sought the God of his father
  - \* Walked in God's commandments
  - \* Did NOT walk according to the acts of Israel
- 5 God established the kingdom in his hand -- all Judah gave presents to Jehoshaphat -- he had riches and honor
- 6 his heart took delight in the ways of the Lord -- he removed the high places and wooden images from Judah
- 7 he sent leaders to teach in cities of Judah
- 8-9he also sent Levites and priests -- to teach -- especially the Book of the Law of the Lord
- 10 the surrounding nations did not want to make war against Jehoshaphat
- 11 some Philistines brought presents and silver as tribute -- the Arabians brought flocks -- 7,700 rams and 7,000 male goats
- 12 Jehoshaphat -- increasingly powerful -- built fortresses and storage cities in Judah
- 13 much property -- men of war in Jerusalem
- 2 Chron. 18:1 Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance -- by marriage, allied himself with Ahab
- 3 Ahab asked Jehoshaphat to join him against Ramoth Gilead
- 28 Ahab and Jehoshaphat went up to Ramoth Gilead
- 29 Ahab wore disguise -- Jehoshaphat, royal robe
- 30 king of Syria only wanted to kill Ahab
- 31-34 Ahab was accidentally shot by an arrow

2 Chron. 19:1           Jehoshaphat returned safely  
                   2           Hanani the seer -- you should not have helped  
                                   that wicked king, and the wrath of the Lord  
                                   is upon you  
                   3           nevertheless, good things are found in you --  
                                   (removed wooden images -- have prepared  
                                   your heart to seek God)  
                   4-7 judges throughout the land  
                   8-11       judges (Levites, priests, leaders) in Jerusalem  
 2 Chron. 20:1-12       times passes  
                   1           Moab, Ammon & others came to battle Jehoshaphat  
                   2           reported -- a great multitude is coming against  
                                   you from beyond the sea from Syria  
                   3           Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the  
                                   Lord -- proclaimed fast throughout Judah  
                   4           Judah gathered together to ask help from the Lord  
                                   -- they gathered together from all the  
                                   cities of Judah to seek the Lord  
                   5           Jehoshaphat stood in the house of the Lord (in  
                                   Jerusalem) before the new court and said

\*       Verse 6

\*       Oh Lord God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven?  
 \*       Do you not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations?  
 \*       Since there is power and might in Your hand, is anyone able to  
           withstand You?

\*       Verse 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?

\*       Verses 8-9

\*       Our ancestors lived in this land and built a temple in Your name  
           -- They believed that if disaster (sword, judgment,  
           pestilence or famine) came, they believed that they could  
           stand in this temple (in Your presence) and cry out to you  
           in their affliction, and you would hear and save

\*       Verses 10-11

\*       And now, the people of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir (whom You would  
           not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of  
           Israel) are repaying us by throwing us out of the land which  
           You gave to us

\*       Verse 12

\*       Oh 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 -- our eyes are upon You