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Beware How You Treat Truth!

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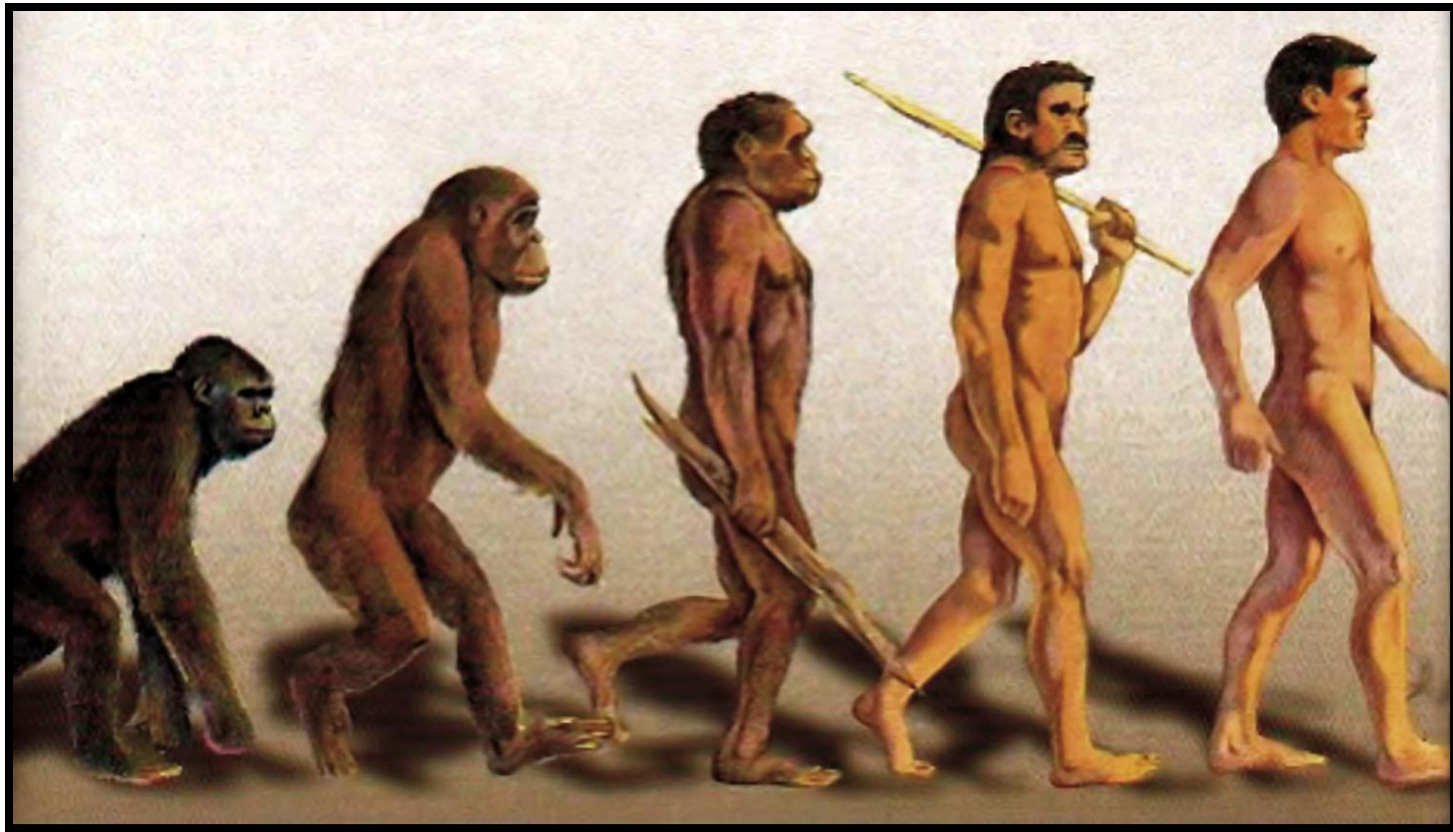
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God sends Lies

Why the Lesson?

- Exalt the sovereignty of God
- For greater love of the truth
- For greater obedience of the truth
- Tuesday's Bible reading was I Kings 22.
- Sunday's John 2:23-25 was a sober warning.

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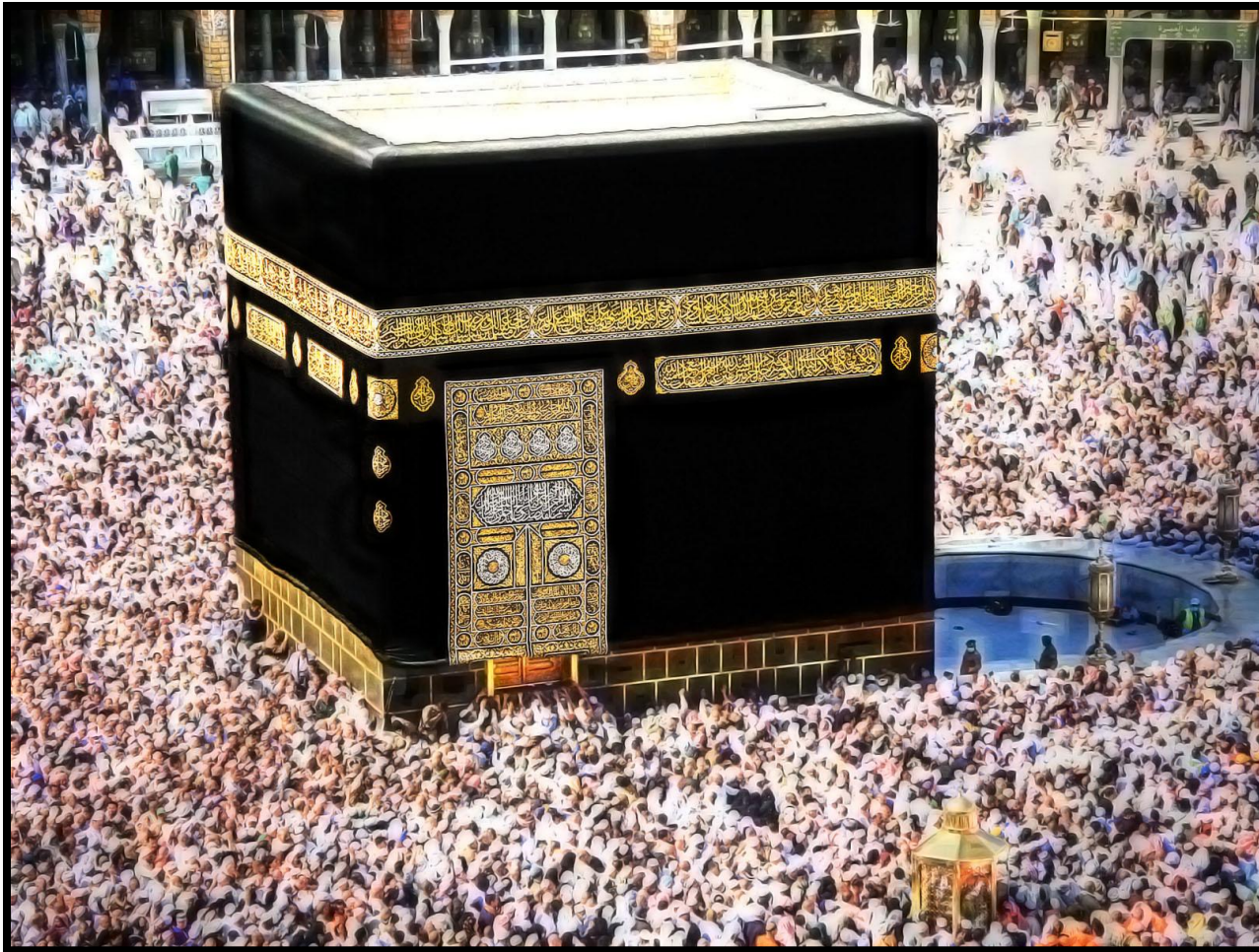
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18 They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand.

19 And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?

20 He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

Isaiah 44:18-20

Does God Send Lies?

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:


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II Thessalonians 2:11-12

Where is the Lesson?

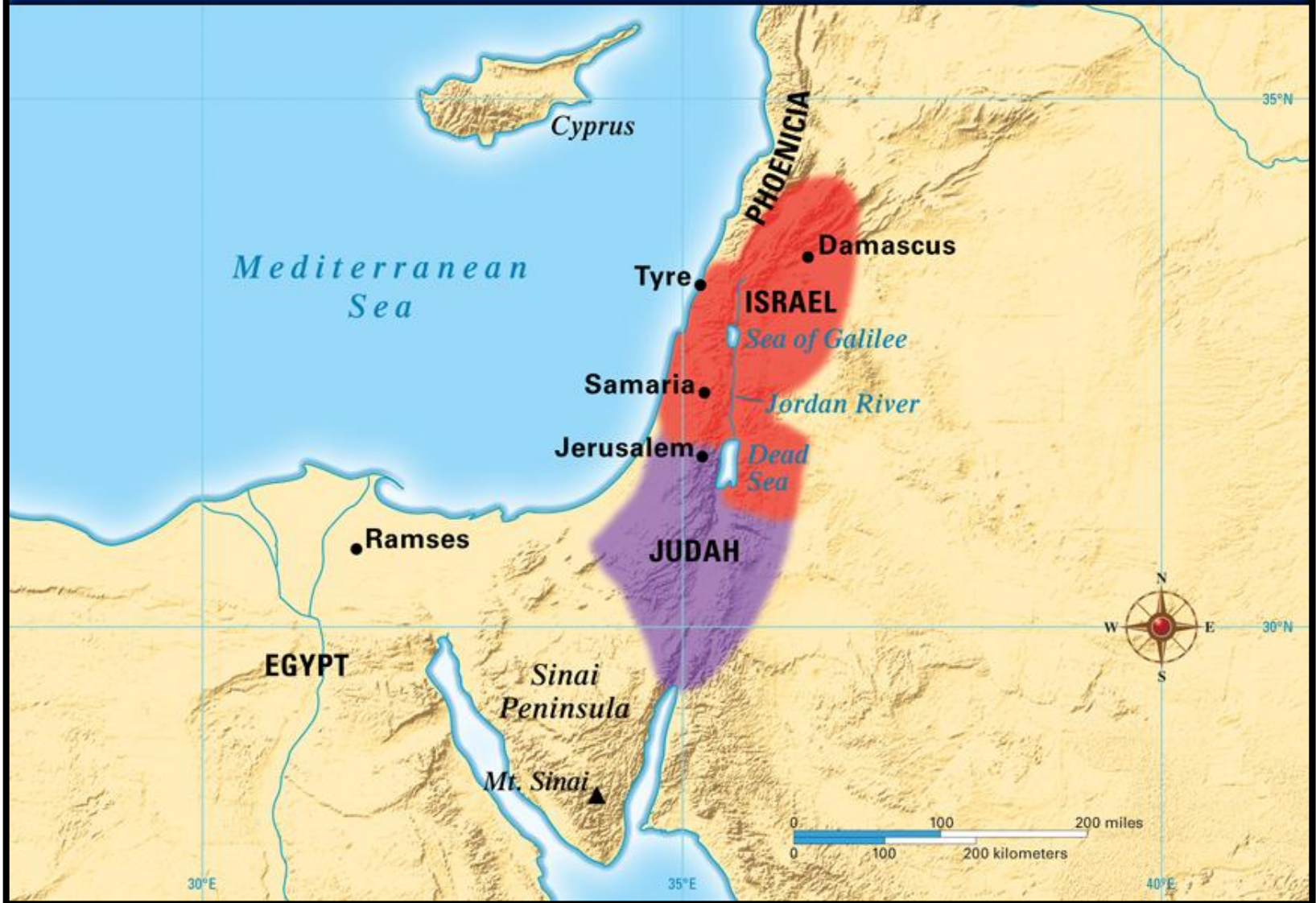
- It is in I Kings 22.
- It is in II Chronicles 18.
- The context around both places is helpful.
- Lesson is in link ... *Is God Author of Confusion?*
- <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/god/is-god-the-author-of-confusion/sermon.php>

**The Jews ended up
following false
Christs to their
utter ruin.**



**Most of humanity
has spent their
lives believing lies.**

Kingdoms of Israel and Judah, 922 B.C.



Two Kings

Jehoshaphat of Judah

One of four best kings

Son of Asa, decent king

Wife unknown

His son ... Jehoram

Jehovah hath judged

Ahab of Israel

One of worst Israel kings

Son of Omri, terrible king

Wife ... Jezebel of Ethbaal

His daughter ... Athaliah

Uncle

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM

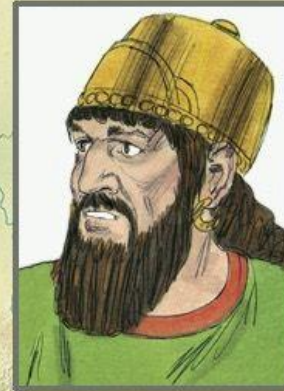


Mediterranean Sea

ISRAEL

Samaria

Lake Galilee



KING AHAB

Jerusalem

JUDAH

Dead Sea



KING JEHOShAPHAT

The Situation

- Syria (capital at Damascus) was Israel's main enemy.
- God gave Ahab a huge victory over Syria.
- But Ahab spared Benhadad Syria's king.
- Ahab wanted to take back from Benhadad.
- He was afraid alone ... he needed Jehoshaphat.

The Compromise (1)

- Jehoshaphat loved God ... Ahab served Baal.
- Jehoshaphat made ... affinity ... with Ahab.
- Affinity = his son married Ahab's daughter.
- Jehoram married Athaliah ... this is terrible!
- This sinful marriage will cost Jehoshaphat.

The Compromise (2)

- Jehoshaphat visited Ahab ... he was “family”!
- Ahab wined and dined “brother” Jehoshaphat.
- Jehoshaphat should have hated this evil king.
- Jehoshaphat learned compromise from Asa.
- Jehoshaphat agreed to go to war against Syria.

UNIFIED KINGDOM

Saul
David
Solomon

JUDAH (SOUTH)

Rehoboam
Abijah
Asa

Jehoshaphat

Jehoram
Ahaziah

ISRAEL (NORTH)

Jeroboam
Nadab
Baasha
Elah
Zimri

Omri
Ahab

Ahaziah

Jehoram (Joram)

 Athaliah



**Never marry
an unbeliever!**



**Never compromise
truth for “family”!**



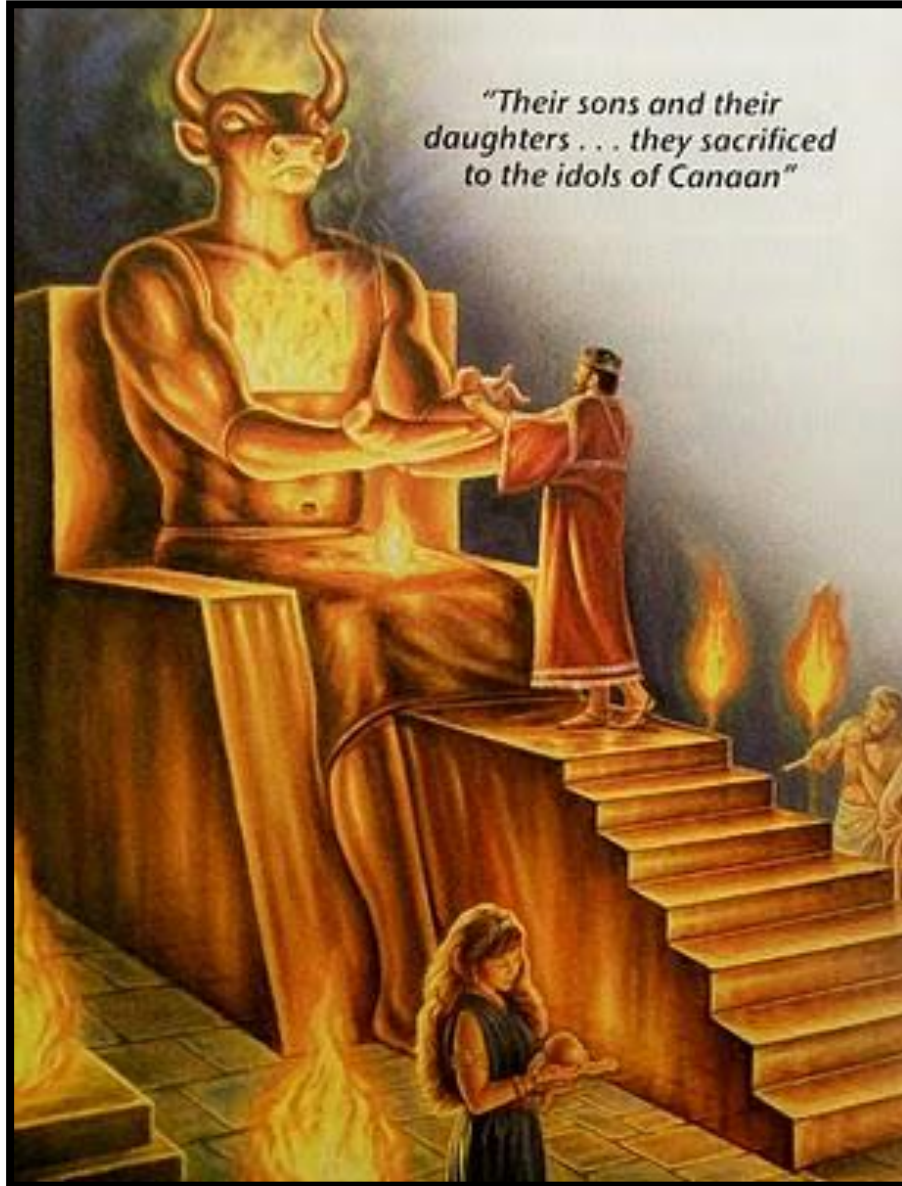
**Only marry a
strong, proven
Christian!**



Which God ... Matters!

- Jehoshaphat asked Ahab to ask God about it.
- But Ahab did not worship Jehoshaphat's God.
- Ahab called 400 prophets of Baal to tell him.
- They told Ahab that he would be victorious.
- Jehoshaphat asked for a prophet of Jehovah.

"Their sons and their daughters . . . they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan"



False Prophets Sound Good!

- They promised Ahab he would win the battle.
- Then they said the LORD Jehovah would do it.
- Their leader got dramatic with horns of iron.
- There were 400 of them, and they all agreed.
- Good words and fair speeches mean nothing.

Micaiah was a Real Prophet

- Jehoshaphat wanted a prophet of Jehovah.
- Ahab hated Micaiah's negative preaching.
- Micaiah was asked to agree with the 400.
- Micaiah said he could only preach God's word.
- He lied to Ahab that he would be victorious.

Ahab and Jehoshaphat are preparing to go to war.

Jehoshaphat requires a Word from the Lord.



The boy said, “All the other prophets foretold victory for Ahab.”

1 Kings 22:14 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.



**The majority or
most does not
mean anything!**

A large red oval with a black border is centered on a white background. Inside the oval, the text "The majority was outside Noah's ark!" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font.


**The majority was
outside Noah's ark!**



**The majority are in
the Lake of Fire!**



**Do not resent
Bible preachers!**



**Do not resent
hard, negative
preaching!**

Micaiah Lied & Told the Truth

- Ahab knew that Micaiah had lied to him.
- He then told Ahab the truth – *he would die*.
- Micaiah then told Ahab about his prophets.
- This is a terrible lesson of how our God works.
- God had sent a lying spirit to Ahab's prophets.



**Wicked men only
want to hear what
they want to hear!**



**True prophets do
not care what they
want to hear!**



**True prophets
speak the words of
God regardless!**





How Heaven Works

- Micaiah had a vision of God in heaven.
- God sat on His throne with all angels there.
- The LORD asked to get Ahab to battle to die.
- Two angels had ideas that God did not like.
- An angel said he would lie to Ahab's prophets.

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- God said ... the angel's lie would work ... Do it!
- Micaiah told Ahab his prophets lied to him.
- Of course, Zedekiah did not like such news.
- Of course, Ahab did not like such news either.
- Micaiah guaranteed Ahab would die in battle.

Why Would God Do This?

- Very easy! ... Ahab did not want the truth.
- When you reject truth ... you must want a lie.
- God gave Ahab what he wanted – good news.
- If you reject His truth ... God sends delusion.
- Similar lessons are taught through the Bible.



**Do not resent
truth from God!**



**Do not neglect
truth from God!**



**Do not disobey
truth from God!**

The Crazy Battle

- Ahab disguised himself to not look like a king.
- The Syrians chased the kingly Jehoshaphat.
- But God saved Jehoshaphat from them.
- A man shot an arrow at the army and hit Ahab.
- The arrow found a crack in his armor. Glory!





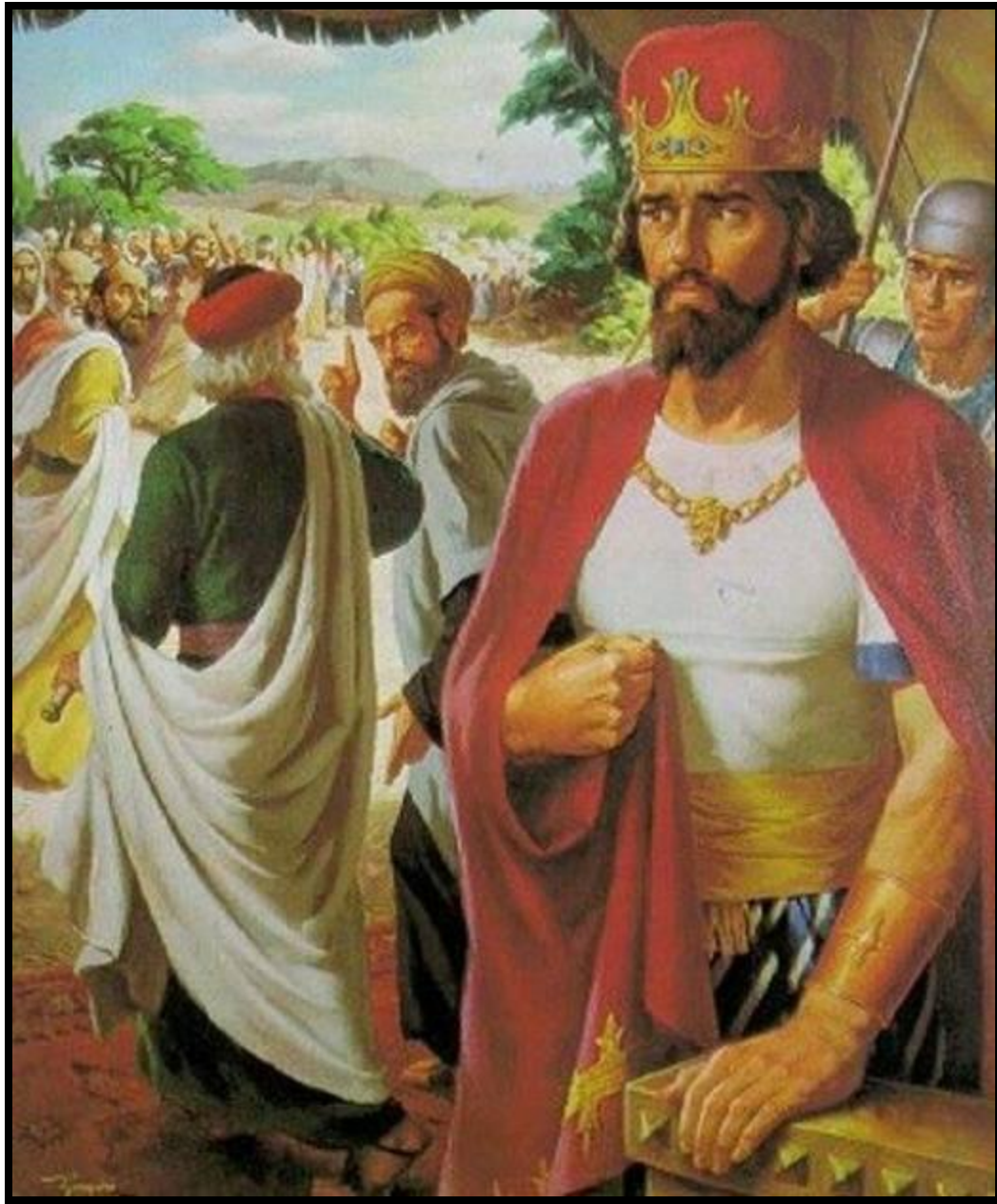












God Was Angry at Jehoshaphat

- He survived the battle and returned home.
- But the prophet Jehu met him in Jerusalem.
- Should you “love them that hate the LORD?”
- God was angry for his friendship with Ahab.
- God cut three generations from family tree!

**Does God approve
of any other lies?**

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Repeat of Opening & Slide #3

Hebrew midwives

Rahab the harlot

Joshua and Ai

Ehud to Eglon

Jael to Sisera

Samuel to Saul

Michal to Saul

David to priest

David to Achish

David to Achish (2)

David to Hushai

Woman with spies

Jehu to Baal priests

Jeremiah to princes

Child sacrifice

Reprobate mind

Famine of word

Deny creation

Embrace sodomy

Doctrine method

Stumbling Stone

Hides truth

Deceive prophets

Cause slumber

Lessons for You (1)

- Never marry an unbeliever.
- Never compromise truth for “family.”
- Only marry a strong, proven Christian.
- The majority or most does not mean anything.
- Do not resent Bible preachers.

Lessons for You (2)

- Do not resent negative or hard preaching.
- True pastors must preach what God said.
- Do not disobey, resent, or neglect any truth.
- Good conduct will not cover for bad conduct.
- Marriage out of the Lord brings lots of trouble.

Lessons for You (3)

- All promised judgment for sin will occur.
- There is no strength or wisdom against God.
- Even chance events will turn to punish you.
- Most Christians today want fables, not truth.
- A friend that neglects God is not good enough.

Lessons for You (4)

- God is sovereign over all men, even kings.
- God does not owe the truth to any man.
- God will confound, deceive, and delude men.
- You owe God perpetual praise for any truth.
- True preachers ignore numbers or popularity.

Lessons for You (5)

- True preachers ignore being politically correct.
- True preachers ignore unity, desires, positivism.
- When afraid ... know God has assigned angels.
- When seeing evil ... God will have vengeance.
- Even “Christians” will hate you for Bible truth.

Lessons for You (6)

- Good words and fair speeches mean nothing.
- False teachers will adjust and get very dramatic.
- Which is better ... cooperation or separation?
- Which is better ... unity or purity?
- Hate evil deeds and evil men (Ps 119:128; 139:21-22).

**Are you neglecting
or resenting any
truth?**



**If God sends a lie,
you'll not know it.**

**Who will hate the
compromise of
Jehoshaphat?**



**Who will be
fearless for God
and truth like
Micaiah?**

For Further Study

Truth, Lies, and Compromise ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/truth-lies-and-compromise.pdf>.

Related Men's Meeting ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/mens-meeting-10-24-2012.pdf>.

Devotional for I Kings 22 ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/reference/daily-devotional/151.pdf>.

Dominion of God ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/sermons/god/dominion-of-god/sermon.php>.

Author of Confusion ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/sermons/god/is-god-the-author-of-confusion/sermon.php>.

Famous Last Words ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/famous-last-words.pdf>.

The Angels of God ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/angels-of-god.pdf>.

Ahaziah's Contradiction ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/bible/scripture/ahaziah-contradiction.php>.

Proverbs 21:1 Commentary ... http://www.letgodbettrue.com/proverbs/commentaries/21_01.php.

The Prophets of God ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/prophets-of-god.pdf>.

Rude Preachers ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/rude-preachers.pdf>.

Marriage Only in the Lord ... <http://www.letgodbettrue.com/pdf/marriage-in-the-lord.pdf>.

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