

The Ships Were Broken - 3/12/23

TEXT – 2 Chronicles 20:35-37 *And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly: 36 And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Eziongeber. 37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.*

INTRO – Jehoshaphat was Going to go to Ophir to get gold.

1 Kings 22:48 *Jehoshaphat made ships of Tharshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken at Eziongeber.*

1 Kings 22:49 *Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not.*

1 Kings 22:50 *And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.*

Jehoshaphat did nothing wrong by going to buy gold

Jehoshaphat was a good king and a good man.

He had a weakness that caused to make alliances with the wrong people.

However, he made an alliance with the Ahab, to fight against the Syrians.

2 Chronicles 18:3 *And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramothgilead? And he answered him, **I am as thou art**, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war.*

His wife Jezebel and Ahab both wicked and caused innocent to suffer. Ahab was killed in the battle.

The prophet Micaiah, the son of Imla, rebuked Jehoshaphat

Ahaziah was the son of Ahab. He was a wicked man.

Ahaziah wanted to align with Jehoshaphat to go to Ophir to get gold.

But God broke his ships.

When God is not in something He can sink those ships.

Our plans can be destroyed by God for several reasons. Here it was because of evil. When God sinks your ship, it could be because His will is violated.

Trials can come upon anyone. Sickness and disease can affect good people.

When separation is violated, your ship will be broken.

One of the first reasons your ministry is destroyed because it started with the wrong music. The wrong music is often where it begins.

The wrong Bible and the wrong people.

Aligning with unbelievers can cause God to sink our ship.

James 4:4 *Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

Matthew 11:30 *For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

Be careful who you yoke up with.

2 Corinthians 6:14-17 *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*

There are no denominations in the Bible. The only thing that connects churches together is fellowship.

Some people ruin their lives because of Drugs and alcohol.

Jehoshaphat didn't consult God. He failed to seek God.

God sent a preacher to him - **Eliezer**

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God can hinder our progress:

Balaam's donkey

The Red Sea

Sodom and Gomorrah

Man is no match for God

We must trust in the Lord

Psalms 20:7 *Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*

Hosea 1:7 *But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.*

We conquer by His power.

Zechariah 4:6 *Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.*

CONCL- Proverbs 9:10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*