

The first of these is the reign of Jehoshaphat. We have touched on Jehoshaphat in Kings comparatively little. Kings doesn't have a great deal to tell us about Jehoshaphat because in the reign of Jehoshaphat in Judah. The great subject in Kings is the Baal crisis and Jehoshaphat only incidentally was connected with the Baal crisis. So it just gives us a bare skeleton of the events. But in Chronicles we have over two chapters. In fact we have about four chapters I believe--17, 18, 19, and 20 are given to the reign of Jehoshaphat. From the viewpoint of Chronicles which is the viewpoint of the study of the kingdom of Judah and God's dealings with them Jehoshaphat is worth four chapters. From the viewpoint of Kings which is the great Baal crisis which invades the land ~~xxx~~ as a whole, Jehoshaphat only takes up a comparatively little bit. It is not but that both are God's viewpoint but one is His viewpoint looking at the nation as a whole and the other is His viewpoint centering upon Judah. So in the reign of Jehoshaphat here we have many interesting details about the reign of Jehoshaphat, lists of his important people, and accounts of the way in which the Lord blessed him. He walked in the ways of his father and did not go after Baalim. He walked in the commandments of God and not after the doings of Israel. We read in verse 9 they taught in Judah and had the book of the law of the Lord with them and throughout the cities of Judah and taught the people. Jehoshaphat was a good king, a king who was following the Lord.

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Then in chapter 18 we have a great incident in the life of this great man Jehoshaphat but an incident in which he compromises with evil. and got into serious difficulty. Jehoshaphat joined ~~xxxxxx~~ affinity with Ahab. Then we have the account of his going up to Ahab and he is going to remain true to the Lord and is going to stand absolutely for that which is right in the Lord's sight but yet he is going to be a friend to Ahab and to work with Ahab. They will work together on a non-religious basis. They will work together on a political basis. They will do things together that will be for the good of both kingdoms but Jehoshaphat will stand true to the Lord. Well, it just doesn't work and the chapter shows how it