LESSONS FROM KING JEHOSHAPHAT

1. The stories of the Bible still apply to our life today

- For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Romans 15:4
- Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. I Corinthians 10:11
- God's Word always reminds us For we walk by faith, not by sight. II Corinthians 5:7

2. God wants you to be at peace

- Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. I Peter 5:7
- Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27
- Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all. II Thessalonians 3:16
- You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. Isaiah 26:3
- And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Colossians 3:15

LESSONS FROM KING JEHOSHAPHAT: 2 CHRONICLES 20

1. Jehoshaphat was a good king who had wicked associations – 2 Chron. 19:2-3

- Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? II Corinthians 6:14
- How do you know you are unequally yoked with unbelievers? When they are having more influence on your life than you are on them.
- He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed. Proverbs 13:20
- Do not be so deceived and misled! Evil companionships (communion, associations) corrupt and deprave good manners and morals and character. 1 Corinthians 15:33

2. vs.1-2: A confederacy of 3 nations were marching to attack the nation

- Things were going good in the nation, then an enemy, too powerful to withstand threatened everything.
- So shall they fear The name of the Lord from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him. Isaiah 59:19

3. vs.3-4: Jehoshaphat takes his fear to God

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

4. vs.5-13: Jehoshaphat prays the covenant blessings

If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you. Exodus 15:26

5. vs.14-19: God answers with a prophetic word

- This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare. I Timothy 1:18
- The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. Exodus 12:13

6. vs.20: Jehoshaphat encourages the people to believe and trust God

- That you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Hebrews 6:12
- For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. Hebrews 10:35-36

7. vs.21-23: Corporate praise and worship defeats the enemy

Psalm 150

• When my enemies turn back, they shall fall and perish at Your presence. Psalms 9:3

8. vs.24-28: There was much spoil and they gave thanks

Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalms 103:1-5

9. vs.29-30: The nation returned to rest and peace

The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. Isaiah 32:17

It's time to make sure you're under the covenant of God. it's time to repent and believe the gospel. (Matthew 3:7-12)