

Ungodly Alliances 1 Kings 22:1-53

V1-4

- Ahab was a wicked king **1Kings 16:33**- says he did more to anger the Lord than any before him, **1Kings 21:20**- says he had sold himself to evil, we have seen him lie, plot and murder and now he seeks help from the king of Judah Jehoshaphat.
- **2 Chron 17:3-9** gives us more insight about this man Jehoshaphat it says
 - A. He rejected idolatry V3
 - B. He sought the Lord V4
 - C. He removed false worship V6
 - D. He sent out Godly teachers to teach the people the word V7-9
- Scripture sternly warns us about the alliances we make how they either positively or negatively affect you **1Cor 15:33**- says bad company will spoil the good habits you have, so why did Jehoshaphat do this?
- For that age old lie the devil has been peddling for centuries **V41-44** (peace) **nugget: There can be no real peace through ungodly compromises.** I hear Christians say I am just trying to keep the peace as their excuse for compromise, but all your doing is making matters worse as we will see.

V5-8

- The ungodly love to attach themselves to the Godly why? Because it gives them credibility **2 Chron 17:5**- says Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance this attracted Ahab. For you who think this truth of scripture does not apply to you and somehow you will change a person's heart **V8** is for you.
- It wasn't that Ahab could not hear, the issue was he did not want to hear, this was the difference between he and Jehoshaphat **2 Chron 17:6**- his heart took pleasure in the things of the Lord therefore his ears loved to listen the word of the Lord
- **Amos 8:11**- it wasn't that they did not physically hear the word, the problem was they had no desire to follow the word. Ahab had 400 false prophets telling him what he wanted to hear but he knew where he could find truth if he wanted it **V8**

V9-28

- Here is boldness, do you sense any fear from Micaiah? How can he be so bold **Math 10:18-20**- we try and rehearse our words in an effort to impress, when all that's required is surrender to the Holy Spirit? Then when we speak it will be God's words and not ours.
- Some of us struggle with **V23**, but it is simple God left them to themselves which produced flesh and sin which is always accompanied with a dash of the demonic.

V29-40

- Ahab goes to battle but just in case the prophecy is true he disguises himself as a regular soldier and cons Jehoshaphat into wearing his king's robe. 2 things the king of Syria is Ben-hadad the same king Ahab foolishly let go previously > **1 Kings 20:34**, secondly Jehoshaphat bad decision almost cost him his life **V32**.

V41-53

- **V43** tells us Jehoshaphat came from a Godly heritage his father Asa loved the Lord and restored Godliness back to Israel in chapter 15 and he followed in his footsteps even went a step further **V46**- says he finished banishing all sexual immorality homosexuals, male and female prostitutes he sent them packing and he set up a Godly judicial system **2 Chron 19:5-8**
- But he made a fatal error, he aligned himself with someone who had no ears to hear and later on it really cost him

1. 2 Chron 19:2

- Jehoshaphat was rebuked for helping Ahab in his ungodliness

2. 2 Chron 20:35-37

- God stopped the prosperity that Jehoshaphat once enjoyed

3. 2 Chron 21:4-7

- In **2 Chron 18:2**- Jehoshaphat arranged for his son to marry Ahab's daughter this decision almost caused his families extinction as Ahab's daughter persuaded Jehoshaphat's son to kill off all his brother's and relatives who might be a threat to his throne.
- All of Jehoshaphat's good deeds were almost destroyed because of his inability to say no **Prov 13:20**- if you partner with the wise you shall be wise but if the ungodly is what you fancy then destruction awaits, **Ps 26:4-5**- says don't even sit down with them who gather after rejecting the Lord.