

Standing Firm in His Word

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2 PETER 3:3-9

Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts,⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue just as they were from the beginning of creation.”

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⁵ For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, ⁶ through which the world at that time was destroyed by being flooded with water.

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⁷ But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly people.

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⁸ But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.

2 KINGS 22:1-12

Now three years passed without war between Aram and Israel.² In the third year, Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.³ Now the king of Israel said to his servants, “Are you aware that Ramoth-gilead belongs to us, yet we are hesitant to take it out of the hand of the king of Aram?”

2 KINGS 22:1-12

⁴ So he said to Jehoshaphat, “Will you go to battle with me at Ramoth-gilead?” And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “Consider me yours, my people yours, and my horses yours!” ⁵ However, Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, “Please request the word of the LORD first.”

2 KINGS 22:1-12

⁶ So the king of Israel assembled the prophets, about four hundred men, and said to them, “Should I go to battle against Ramoth-gilead or should I refrain?” And they said, “Go up, for the Lord will hand it over to the king.” ⁷ But Jehoshaphat said, “Is there no longer a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of him?”

2 KINGS 22:1-12

⁸ And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, but I hate him, because he does not prophesy anything good regarding me, but only bad. He is Micaiah the son of Imlah." But Jehoshaphat said, "May the king not say so." ⁹ Then the king of Israel summoned an officer and said, "Bring Micaiah son of Imlah quickly."

2 KINGS 22:1-12

¹⁰ Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting, each on his throne, dressed in their robes, at the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them.

2 KINGS 22:1-12

¹¹ Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made horns of iron for himself and said, “This is what the LORD says: ‘With these you will gore the Arameans until they are destroyed!’” ¹² All the prophets were prophesying this as well, saying, “Go up to Ramoth-gilead and succeed, for the LORD will hand it over to the king.”

2 KINGS 22:13-28

Then the messenger who went to summon Micaiah spoke to him saying, "Behold now, the words of the prophets are unanimously favorable to the king. Please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably." ¹⁴ But Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, whatever the LORD says to me, I shall speak it."

2 KINGS 22:13-28

¹⁵ When he came to the king, the king said to him, "Micaiah, should we go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or should we refrain?" And he said, "Go up and succeed, for the LORD will hand it over to the king!" ¹⁶ Then the king said to him, "How many times must I make you swear that you will tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"

2 KINGS 22:13-28

¹⁷ So he said, "I saw all Israel Scattered on the mountains, Like sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, 'These people have no master. Each of them is to return to his house in peace.'" ¹⁸ Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy anything good regarding me, but only bad?"

2 KINGS 22:13-28

¹⁹ And Micaiah said, “Therefore, hear the word of the LORD. I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the angels of heaven standing by Him on His right and on His left. ²⁰ And the LORD said, ‘Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?’ And one spirit said this, while another said that.

2 KINGS 22:13-28

²¹ Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will entice him.' ²² And the LORD said to him, 'How?' And he said, 'I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouths of all his prophets.' Then He said, 'You shall entice him, and you will also prevail. Go and do so.'

2 KINGS 22:13–28

²³ Now then, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours; and the LORD has declared disaster against you.” ²⁴ Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah approached and struck Micaiah on the cheek; and he said, “How did the Spirit of the LORD pass from me to speak to you?”

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²⁵ And Micaiah said, “Behold, you are going to see how on that day when you go from one inner room to another trying to hide yourself.” ²⁶ Then the king of Israel said, “Take Micaiah and return him to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king’s son;

2 KINGS 22:13-28

²⁷ and say, 'This is what the king says: "Put this man in prison, and feed him enough bread and water to survive until I return safely.'"" ²⁸ But Micaiah said, "If you actually return safely, the LORD has not spoken by me." And he said, "Listen, all you people!"

QUESTION

Sometimes you will stand alone with the Word of the Lord; don't give up the fight, even under pressure. Is it more important to please man rather than God?

MATTHEW 10:21-22

“Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.²² And you will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8

I solemnly exhort you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and exhort, with great patience and instruction.

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8

³ For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires, ⁴ and they will turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8

⁵ But as for you, use self-restraint in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. ⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;
⁸ in the future there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.