

II Kings 3 Three strange bedfellows, the kings of Israel, Juda, and Edom and their joint crusade against the king of Moab.

3 Nations

ISRAEL v 1-5

1 A nation divided

I Kings 12:28-31 The poor Spiritual foundation of Jeroboam.

Bethel and Dan - The solution was to erect two golden calves as the focus of worship

Religious syncretism is to meld together religions.

Jeroboam's bad legacy in the Old Testament I Kings 15, 16, 21, 22

2 A Legacy of compromise

The son of Ahab

Joram is an example that it is impossible both to compromise with sin and to fight it effectively at the same time.

II Kings 10:27 Sin should be thrown in the dump

3 A soul not fully devoted V 1-5

Joram was offended by the Moabites. He was very upset; upset enough to go to war.

Joram's primary concern was money not the glory of God.

JUDAH v 6-8 A Nation Not seeking the LORD

The church needs to of one heart and one mind (Acts 4:32)

He never stopped to ask whether or not God was in this.

An example of a church making prayerless plans and expecting God to bless their work.

EDOM v9 The wrong alliance

The wilderness of Edom



Transition in Desperation

Often it takes us becoming desperate to turn to God.



Elisha v 10-15

You should be someone men think of when they want to find out what God says.

1 Apprenticed v 11

You should be someone God has prepared by apprenticeship.

II Timothy 2:2

Paul had Timothy and Titus

Moses had Joshua

2 Experienced v 12

The word of the LORD is with him.

Joshua 1:9

3 Confident v 13-15

He has been in the presence of God so he is not impressed by men.

Matthew 17:1-8

God's plan

1 THE MINISTREL v 15

Music is an important part of corporate worship.

Colossians 3:16

This is part of the reason why Satan attacks the worship activities of the church.

2 Digging Ditches v 16-18

It is hard work digging ditches.

John 16:33

We have work to do.

Matthew 28:19-20

3 Destroying the City v 19

God is not soft on sin.

Matthew 5:27-30

4 Victory by the Blood v 20-26

The Blood is an effective weapon

Ephesians 1:7

Since the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ the servant of God's weapons are more powerful.

The Moabite attack focused upon one of the alliance leaders the king of Edom. PRAY FOR your leaders

God sent his own Son to shed his blood to defeat our enemy

Revelation 12:11

Evil will still be evil v 27

The Moabites resorted to human sacrifice in order to try to win the battle as a last *ditch* effort.

Notice the comparison to what the children of Israel did.