2 Chronicles 19:1-11 Jehoshaphat Rebuked – Righteous Administration

Jehoshaphat Rebuked

- 1 Then Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned safely to his house in Jerusalem.
- ² And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate Yahweh (the Lord)? Therefore the wrath of Yahweh (the Lord) is upon you.
- ³ Nevertheless good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the land, and have prepared your heart to seek Elohiym (God)."

Reforms of Jehoshaphat

- ⁴ So Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the mountains of Ephraim, and brought them back to Yahweh Elohey (the Lord God) of their fathers.
- 5 Then he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city,
- 6 and said to the judges, "Take heed to what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for Yahweh (the Lord), who is with you in the judgment.
- ⁷ Now therefore, let the fear of Yahweh (the Lord) be upon you; take care and do it, for there is no iniquity with Yahweh Eloheynu (the Lord our God), no partiality, nor taking of bribes."
- 8 Moreover in Jerusalem, for the judgment of Yahweh (the Lord) and for controversies, Jehoshaphat appointed some of the Levites and priests, and some of the chief fathers of Israel, when they returned to Jerusalem.
- 9 And he commanded them, saying, "Thus you shall act in the fear of Yahweh (the Lord), faithfully and with a loval heart:
- Whatever case comes to you from your brethren who dwell in their cities, whether of bloodshed or offenses against law or commandment, against statutes or ordinances, you shall warn them, lest they trespass against Yahweh (the Lord) and wrath come upon you and your brethren. Do this, and you will not be guilty.
- And take notice: Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of Yahweh (the Lord); and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters; also the Levites will be officials before you. Behave courageously, and Yahweh (the Lord) will be with the good."

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Facts Revealed:

Jehoshaphat Rebuked [2 Chronicles 19:1-3]

- ➡ Jehoshaphat the righteous king of Judah had allied himself with Ahab the very wicked king of Israel by marriage and at Ahab's request joined him in war against Ramoth Gilead where Ahab was killed. [2 Chronicles 18:1-34]
- As Jehoshaphat was returning to his house in Jerusalem, Jehu the prophet of Yahweh met him and said: "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate Yahweh (the Lord)? Therefore the wrath of Yahweh (the Lord) is upon you. Nevertheless good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the land, and have prepared your heart to seek Elohiym (God)." [2 Chronicles 19:1-3]

- ♦ Yahweh does not approve of His people joining with His wicked enemies who hate Him.
 [1 Corinthians 15:33]
- ♦ Yahweh recognized the good things in Jehoshaphat so He did not pour out His Wrath on him but only warned him.

Reforms of Jehoshaphat [2 Chronicles 19:4-11]

- ❖ So Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the mountains of Ephraim, and brought them back to Yahweh Elohey (the Lord God) of their fathers. [2 Chronicles 19:4]
 - ♦ Jehoshaphat set Judges throughout all the cities of Judah instructing them to judge in righteousness because they do not judge for man but for Yahweh Who is with you in judgment. [2 Chronicles 1:5-6]
 - → Judgment must be in righteousness because there is no iniquity or partiality with Yahweh
 Who does not take bribes. [2 Chronicles 19:7]
 - ❖ In Jerusalem, Jehoshaphat appointed Levites and Priests along with Elders of Israel to judgment of Yahweh commanding them to act in the fear of Yahweh, faithfully and with a loyal heart. Whatever case comes before you, warn them lest they trespass and Wrath from Yahweh comes upon you and your brethren. Do this so you will not be guilty.
 - ♦ Jehoshaphat appointed:

Amariah chief priest over matters of Yahweh.

Zebadiah ruler for the house of Judah for all the king's matters.

Levites will be officials before you.

Behave courageously, and Yahweh (the Lord) will be with the good."