

Is There No Prophet of the LORD Here?

2 Kings 3:1-15

1. Not as _____ as His Parents (v. 1-3)
 - a. The _____ he did was not like his parents
 - i. Both father and _____ mentioned
 - ii. Removed his father's pillar of _____
 - b. He did what was evil in the _____'s sight
 - i. He clung to the sin of _____
 - ii. Not Baal but _____...
2. Sudden Belief in LORD's _____ (v. 4-13)
 - a. Jehoram's _____
 - i. Rebelling _____
 1. Revolted when _____ became king
 2. Revolted from (big) _____ of rams
 - ii. Recruitment of _____
 1. A familiar _____
 2. A familiar _____
 - b. Jehoram's _____
 - i. The difficult road through _____
 - ii. The way without _____
 - c. Jehoram's _____
 - i. The LORD's sovereign plan of _____
 - ii. Tag along with Jehoshaphat to inquire of the LORD through _____
3. No _____ before God's Word (v. 14-15)
 - a. Refusal of Elisha's _____ advice
 - i. No standing before Elisha
 - ii. Repeated blame laid at _____'s feet
 - b. Requited by Elisha for his _____ beliefs

So the king [Jeroboam] took counsel and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, 'You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.' And he set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. Then this thing became a sin, for the people went as far as Dan to be before one.

1 Kings 12:28-30

But 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 the LORD? Because of this, wrath has gone out against you from the LORD. Nevertheless, some good is found in you, for you destroyed the Asheroth out of the land, and have set your heart to seek God.'

2 Chronicles 19:2-3

Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying 'Because you have joined with Ahaziah, the LORD will destroy what you have made.' And the ships were wrecked and were not able to go to Tarshish.

2 Chronicles 20:37

Follow-Up Quote

“What was Elisha doing there? Why was he traveling with the troops? The Bible doesn’t satisfy our curiosity about details that don’t matter. Elisha engages in no opening pleasantries. In fact, the writer completely omits any introductory statement or inquiry by the kings, which makes Elisha’s first words all the more stark and brutal: ‘What business have you with me? Go to your father’s and your mother’s prophets.’ Why this sudden interest, Elisha seems to say, in Yahweh’s word? Go to the Baal prophets your mother fed (1 Ki 18:19) or to the bootlickers your father kept at court (1 Ki 22:6-8). Apparently there was no seeking of Yahweh’s guidance before this military venture, but, now that Jehoram is in a jam, he seeks Yahweh (expressed again in v. 13b). (Always beware of folks who cite the sovereignty of God in order to excuse or accuse but not worship and adore.)”

(Dale Ralph Davis, *2 Kings: The Power and the Fury*, 2005, p. 44)