
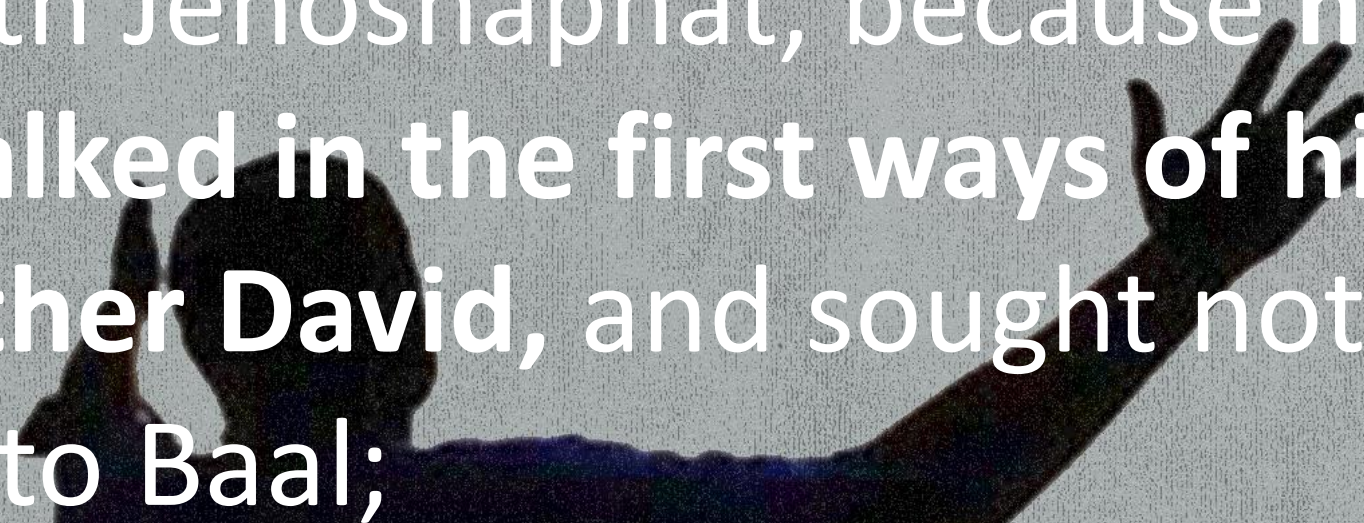


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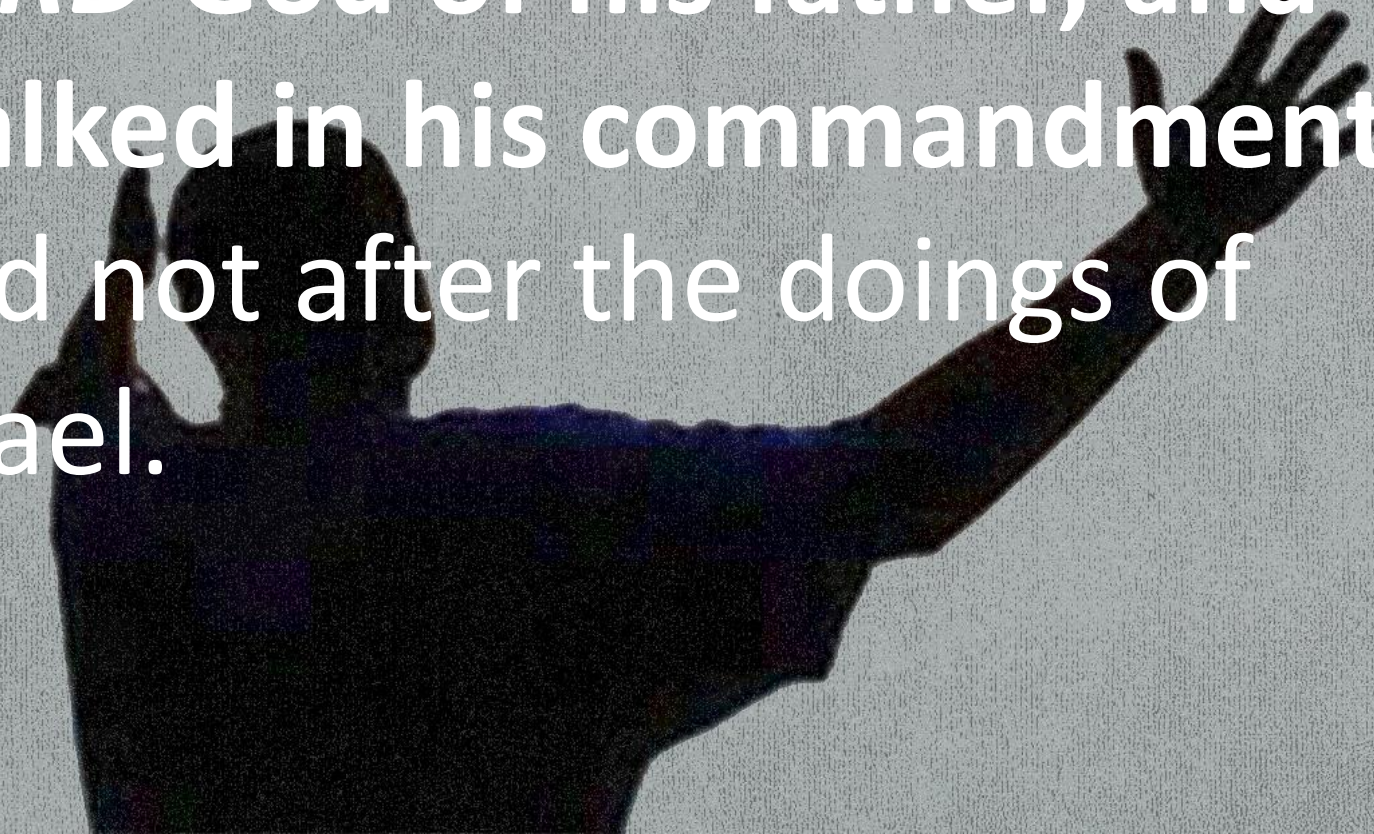
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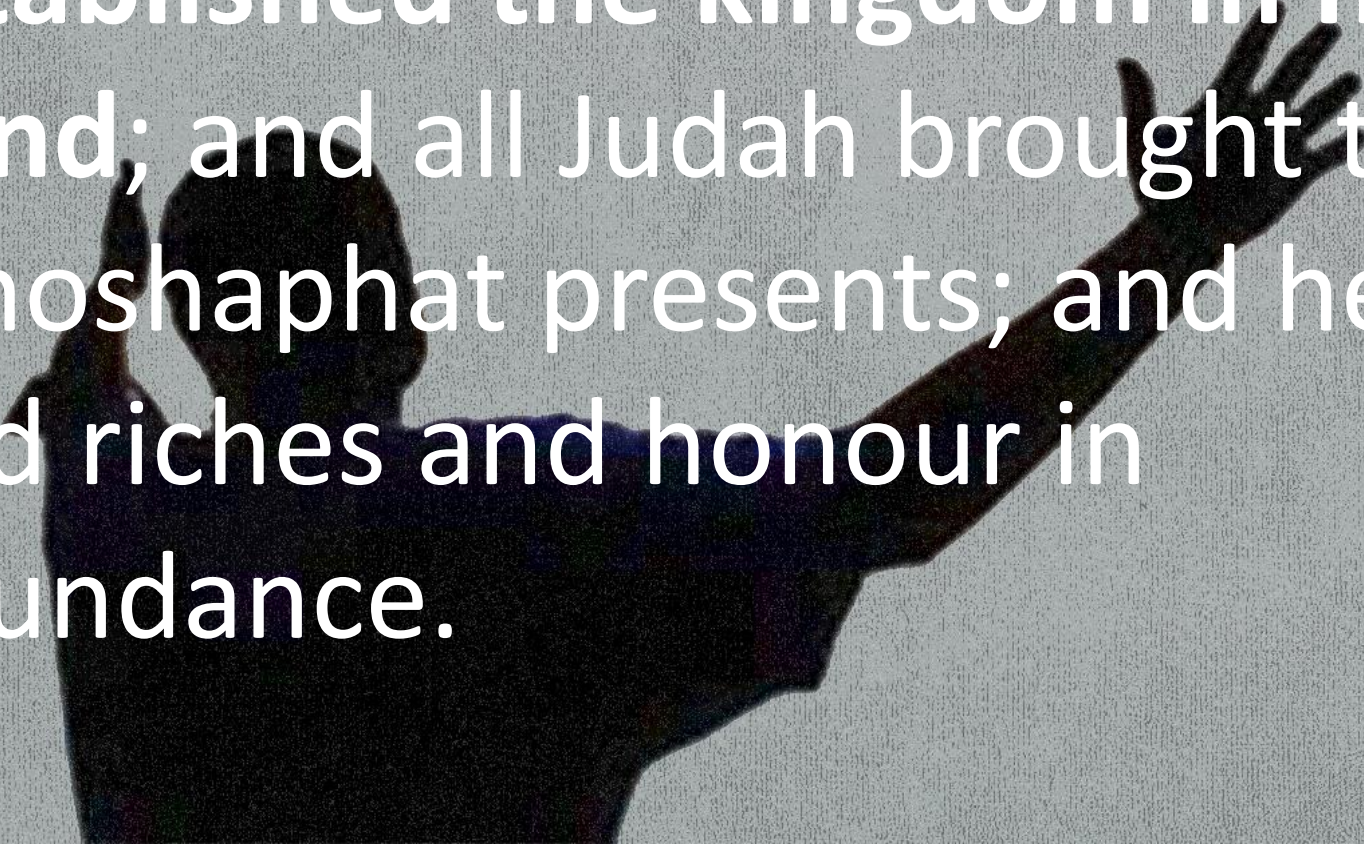
- 2Ch 17:4 But sought to the *LORD* God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.



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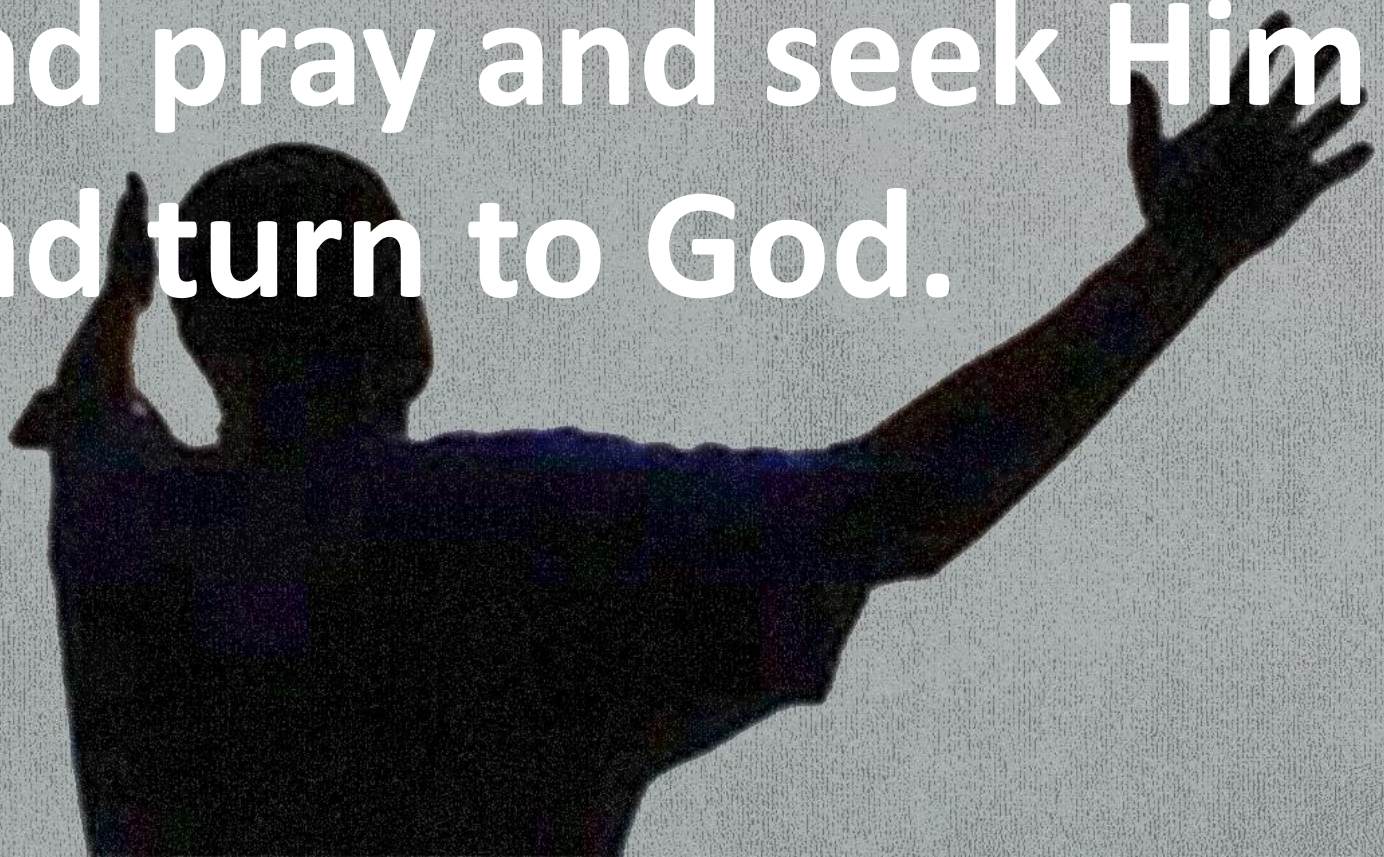
- 2Ch 17:5 Therefore the **LORD** established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance.



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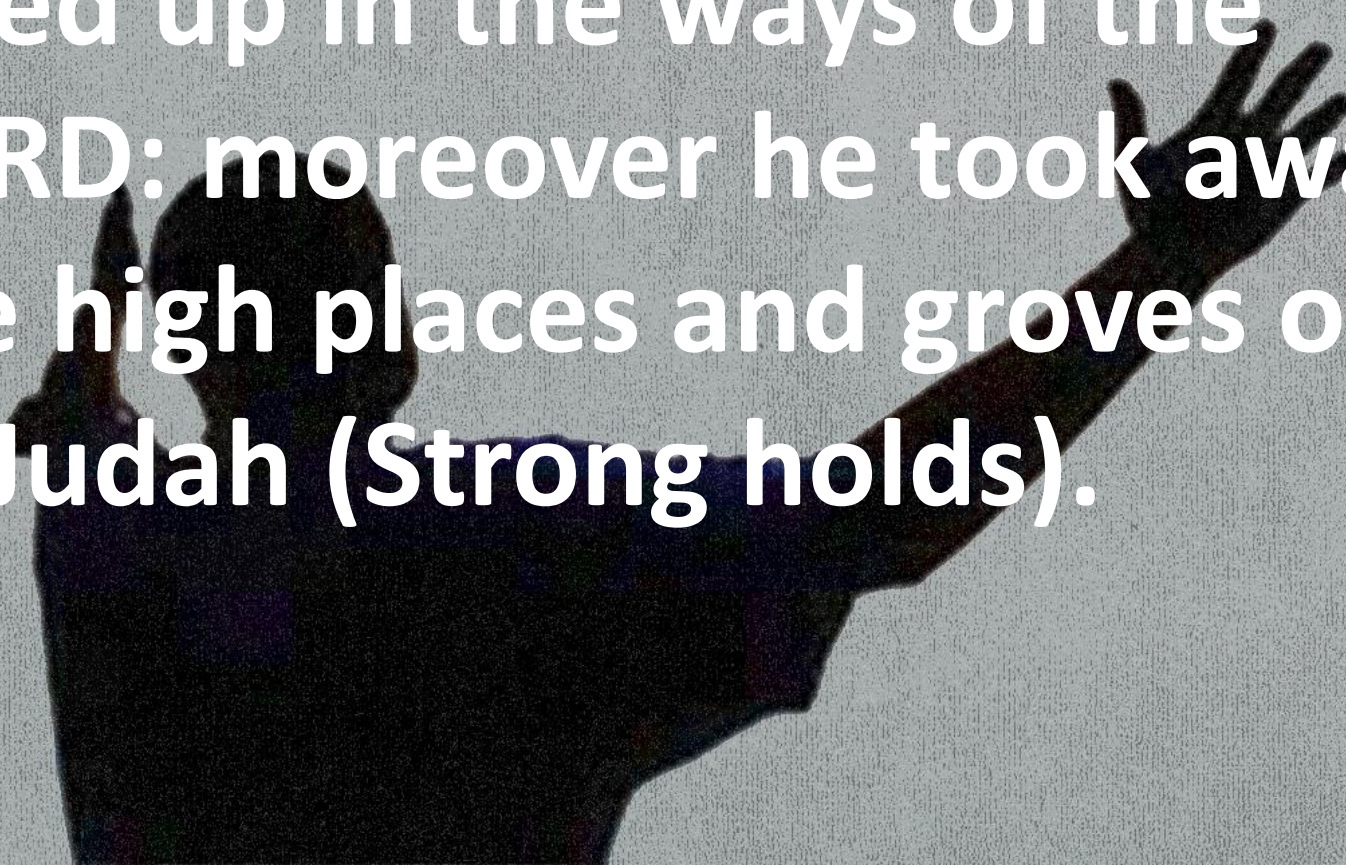
- You need to humble and pray and seek Him and turn to God.



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- 2Ch 17:6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the LORD: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah (Strong holds).



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- 2Ch 17:7 Also in the third year of his reign he **sent to his princes, to teach** in the cities of Judah.
- 2Ch 17:8 And with them *he sent Levites, and priests.*

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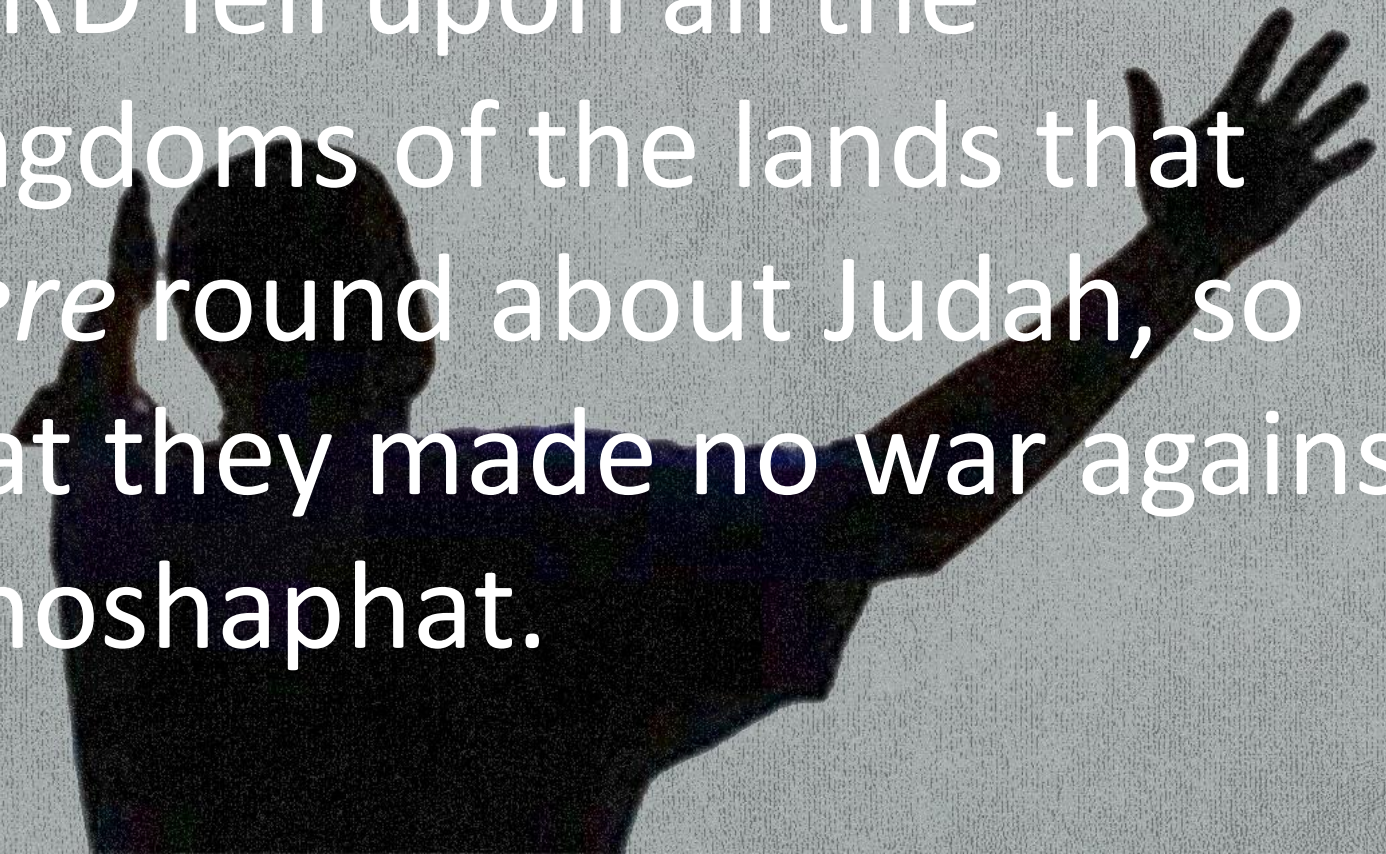
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- 2Ch 17:9 And they taught in Judah, and *had* the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

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- 2Ch 17:10 And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.



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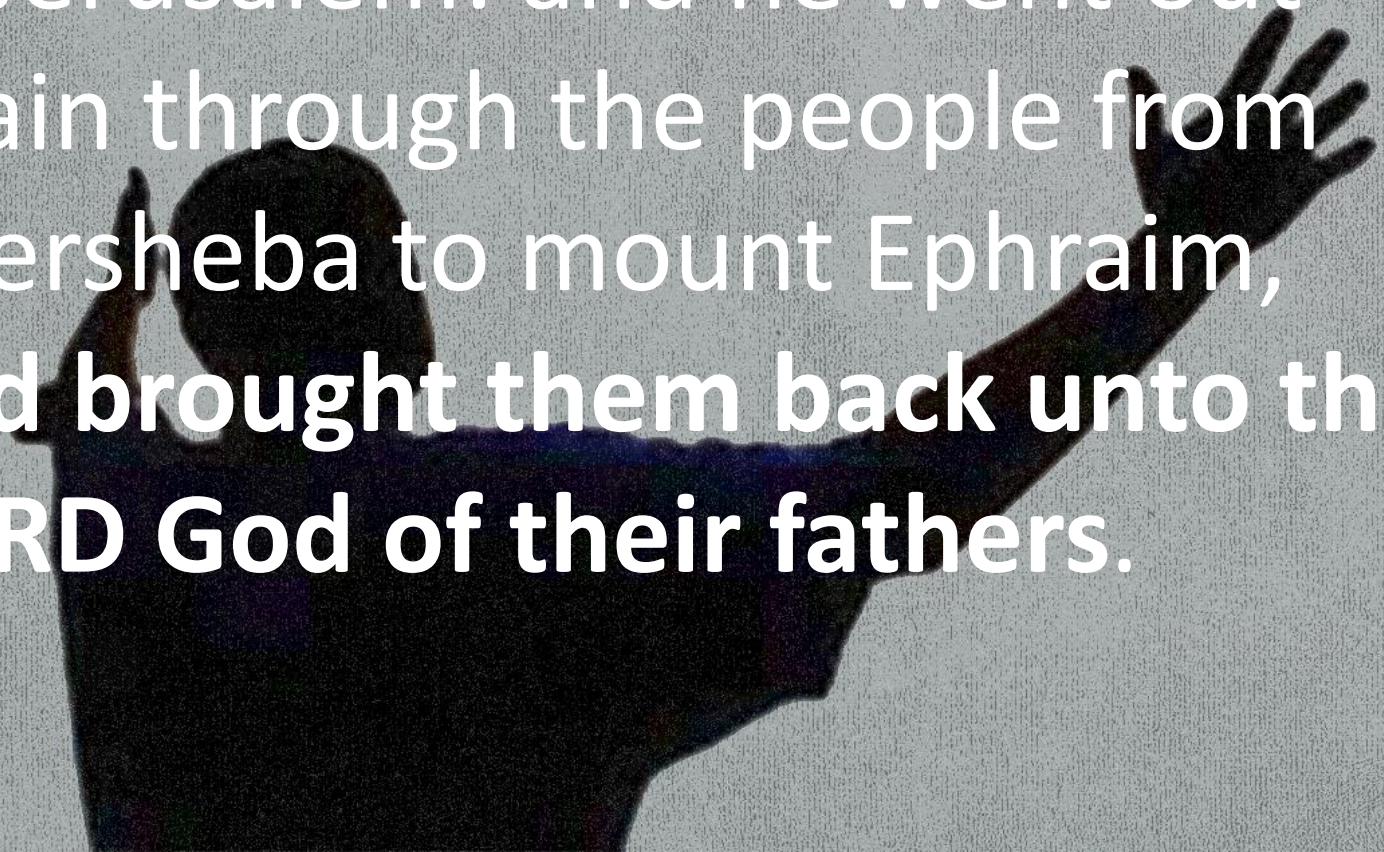
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- 2Ch 17:12 And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store.
 - 2Ch 19:3(B) Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast **prepared thine heart to seek God.**
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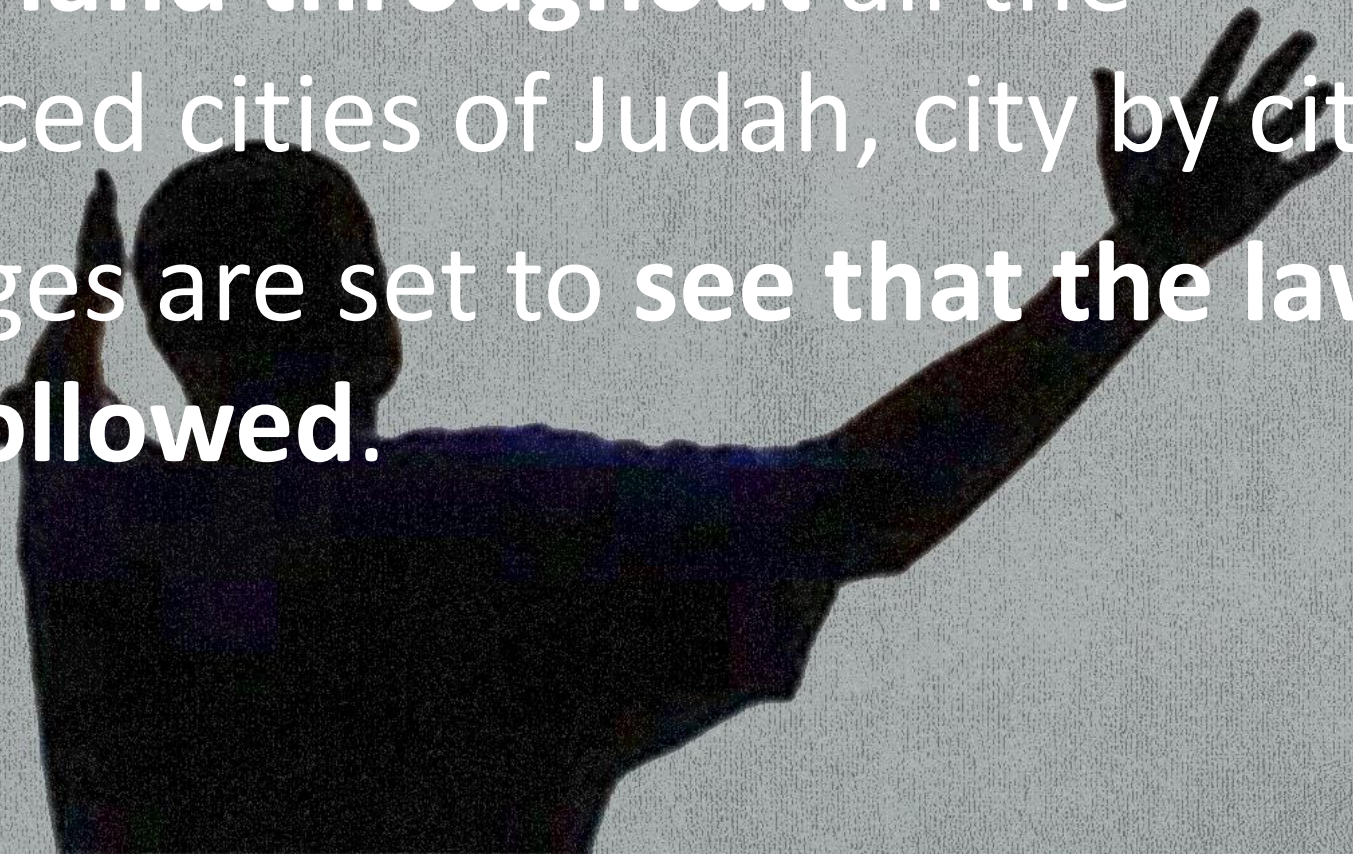
- 2Ch 19:4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beersheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.



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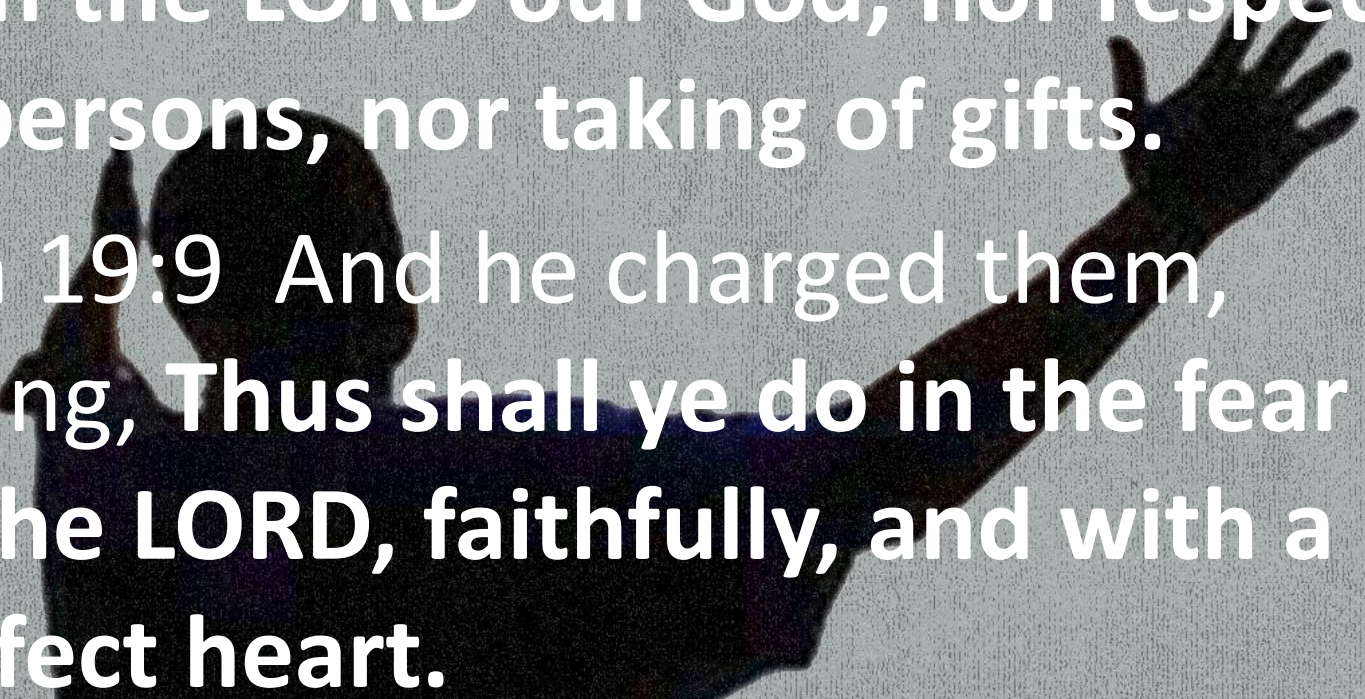
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- 2Ch 19:5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city, Judges are set to see that the law is followed.



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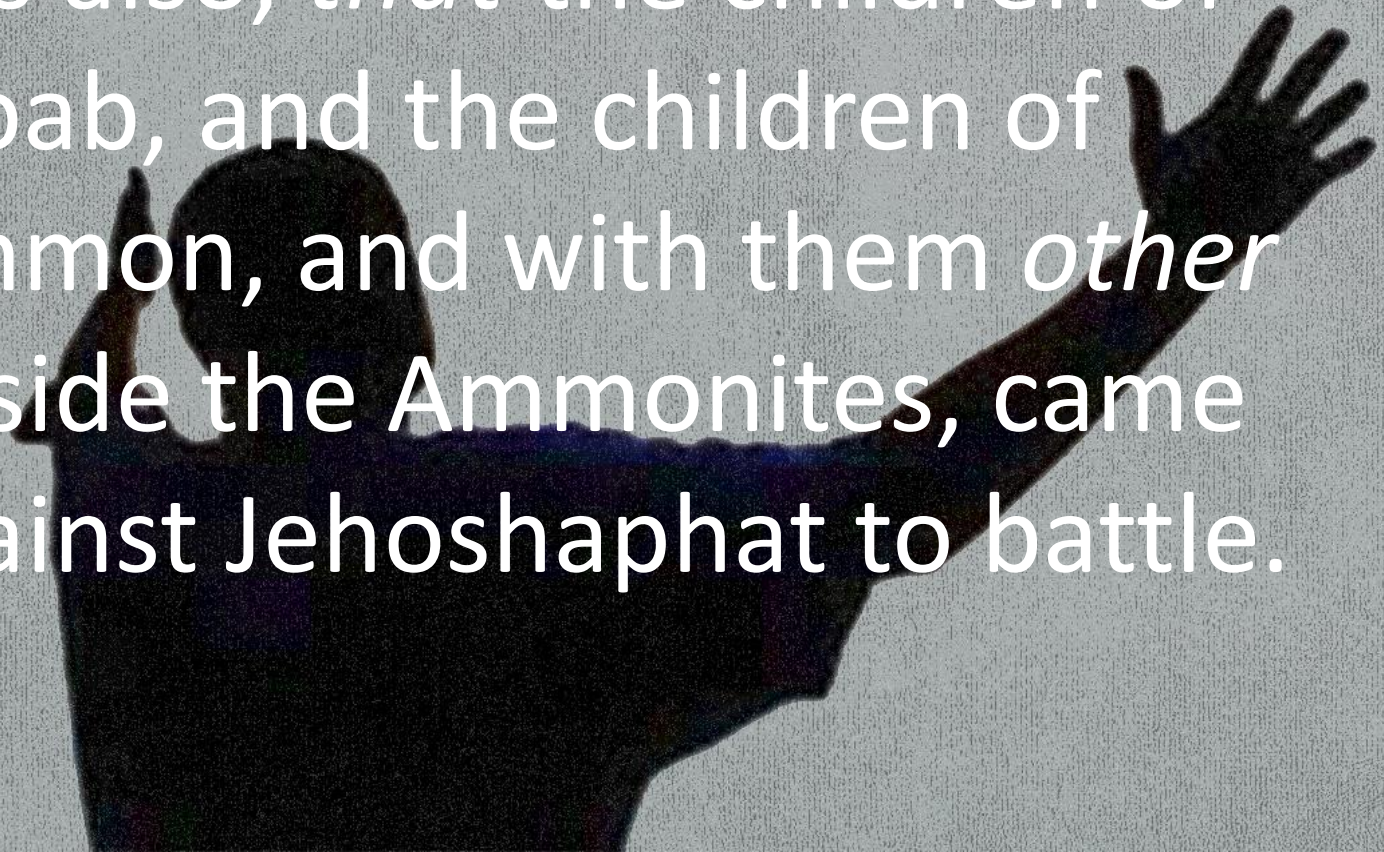
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- 2Ch 19:7 Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do *it*: for *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.
 - 2Ch 19:9 And he charged them, saying, **Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.**
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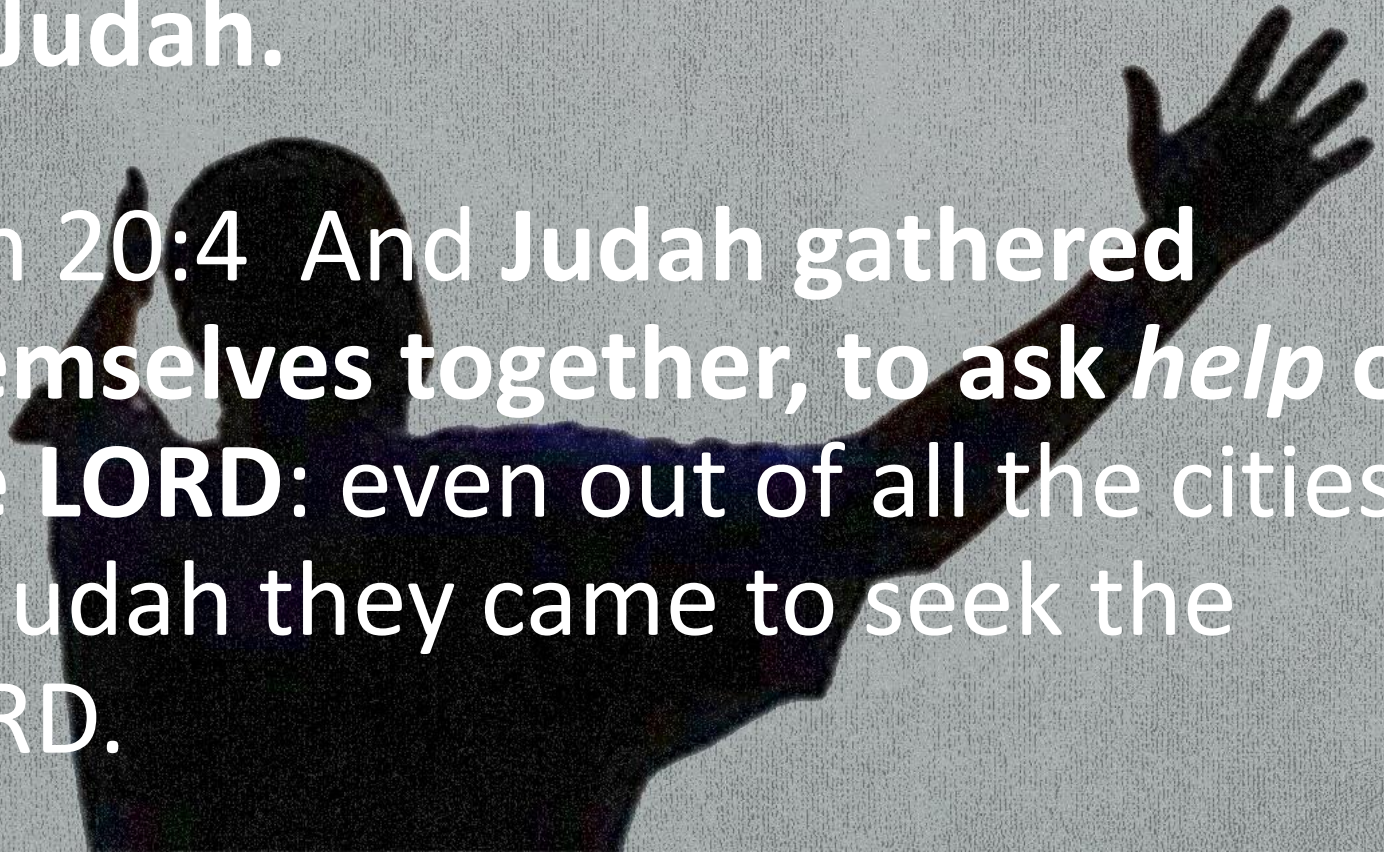
- 2Ch 20:1 It came to pass after this also, *that* the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them *other* beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.



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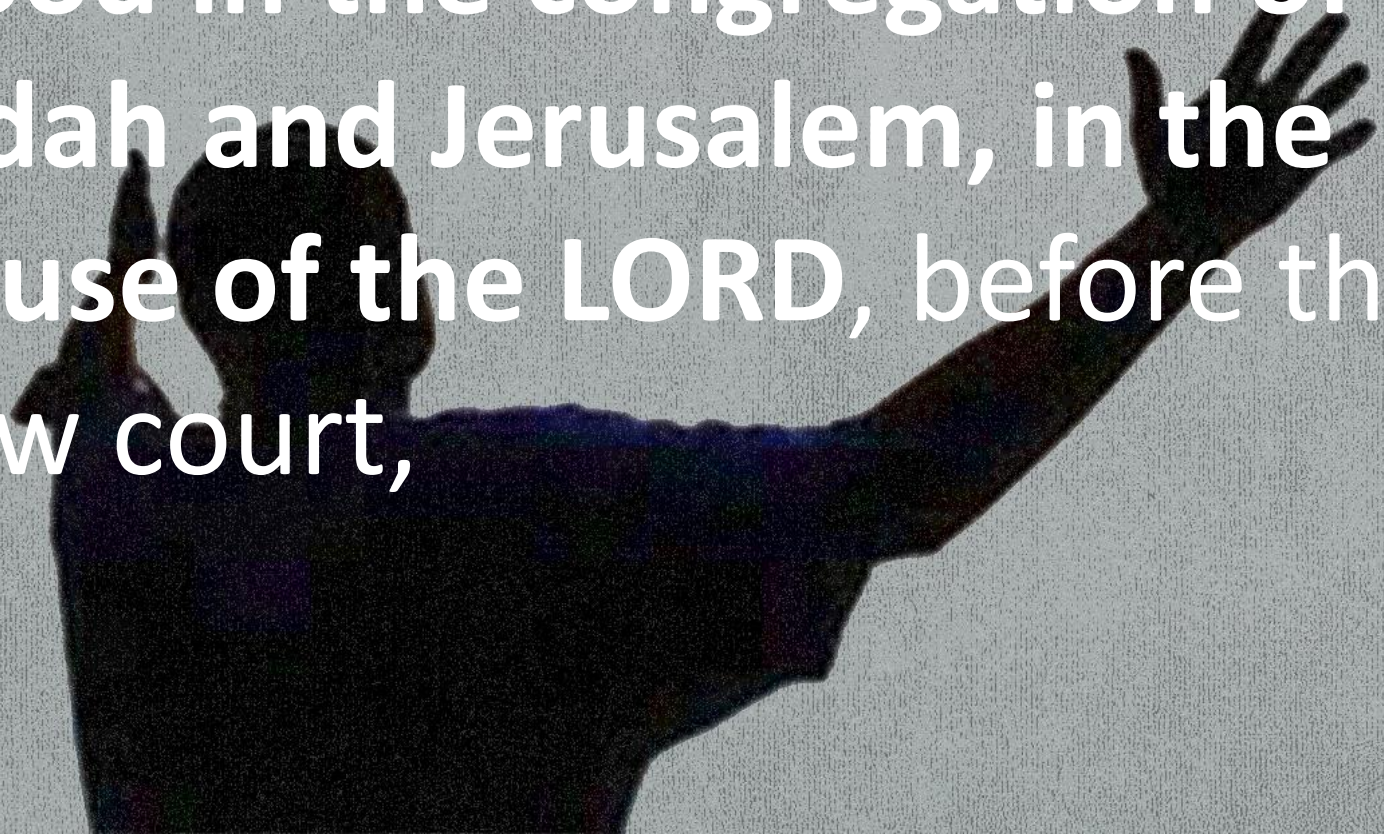
- 2Ch 20:3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.
- 2Ch 20:4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask *help* of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.



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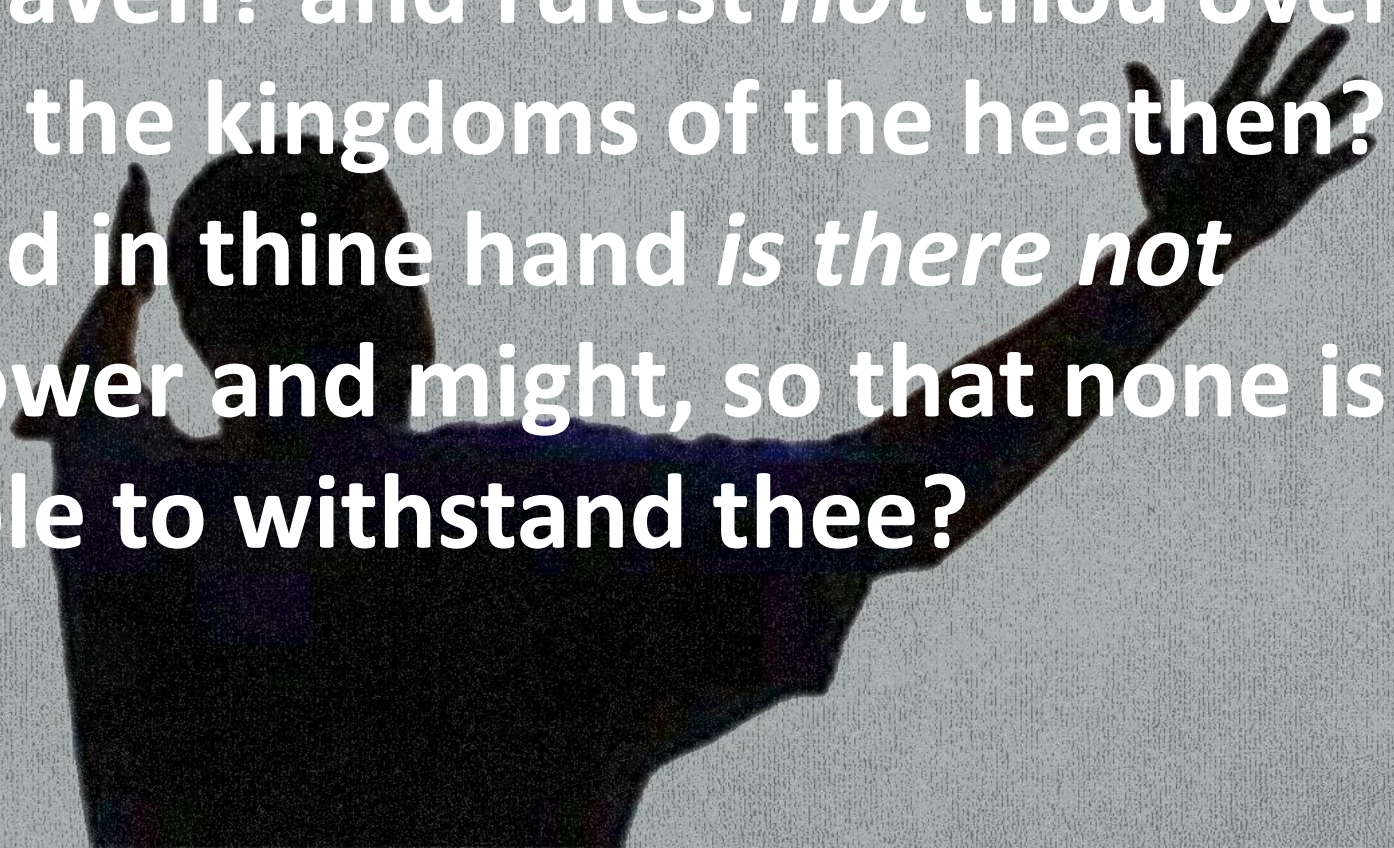
- 2Ch 20:5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court,



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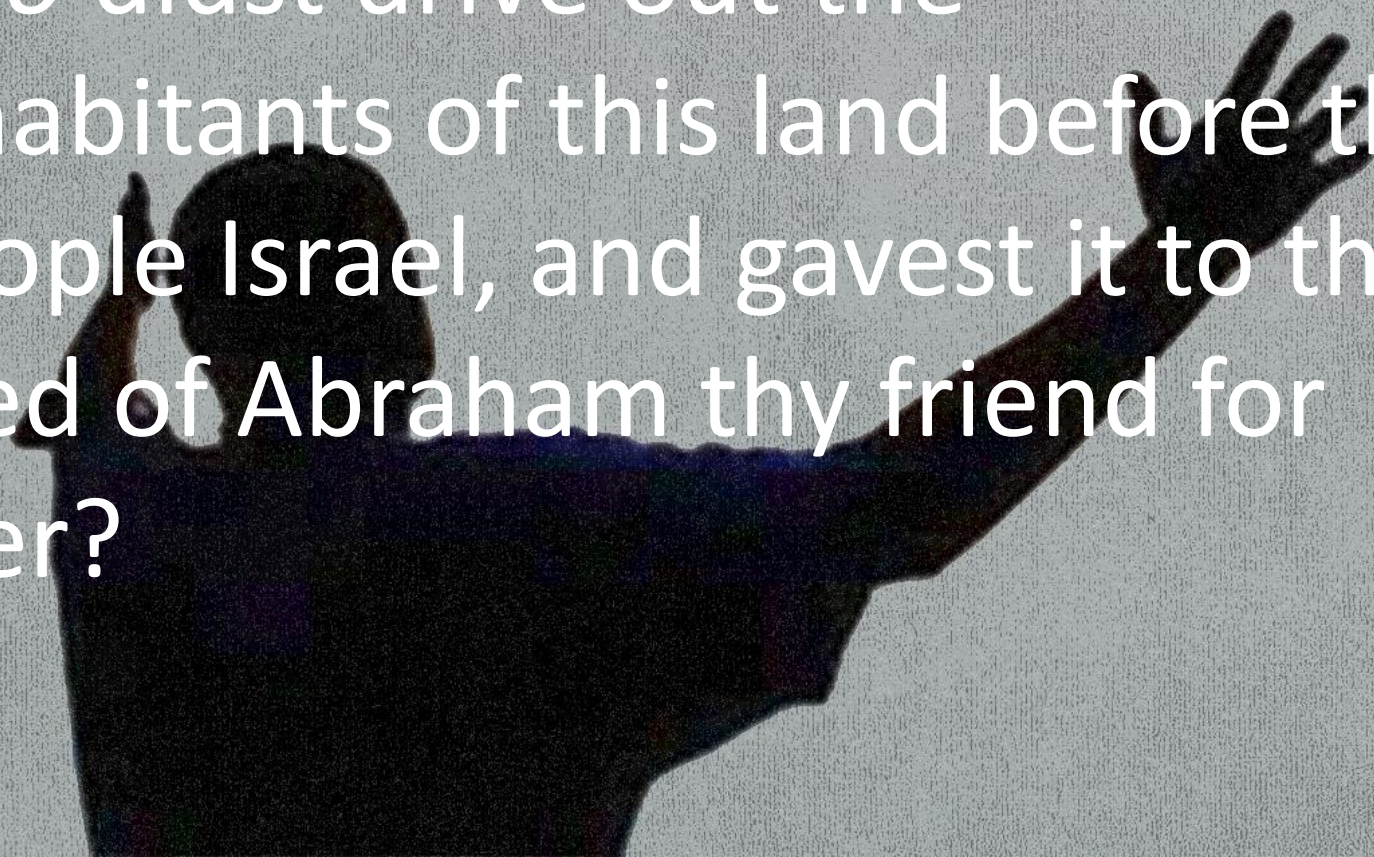
- 2Ch 20:6 And said, O LORD God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in heaven? and rulest *not* thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand *is there not* power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?



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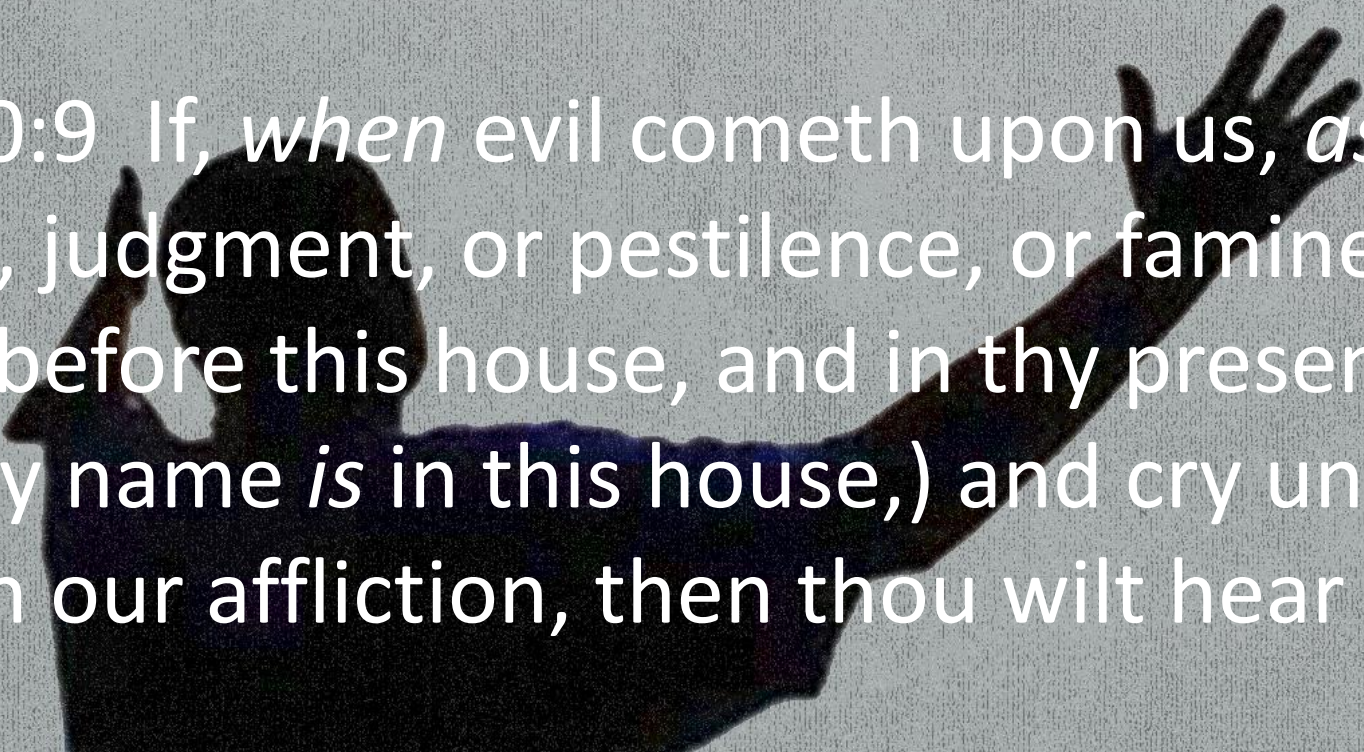
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- 2Ch 20:7 *Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?*



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- 2Ch 20:8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying,
 - 2Ch 20:9 If, *when* evil cometh upon us, *as* the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name *is* in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.
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- 2Ch 20:12 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? **for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes *are* upon thee.**
- 2Ch 20:13 And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

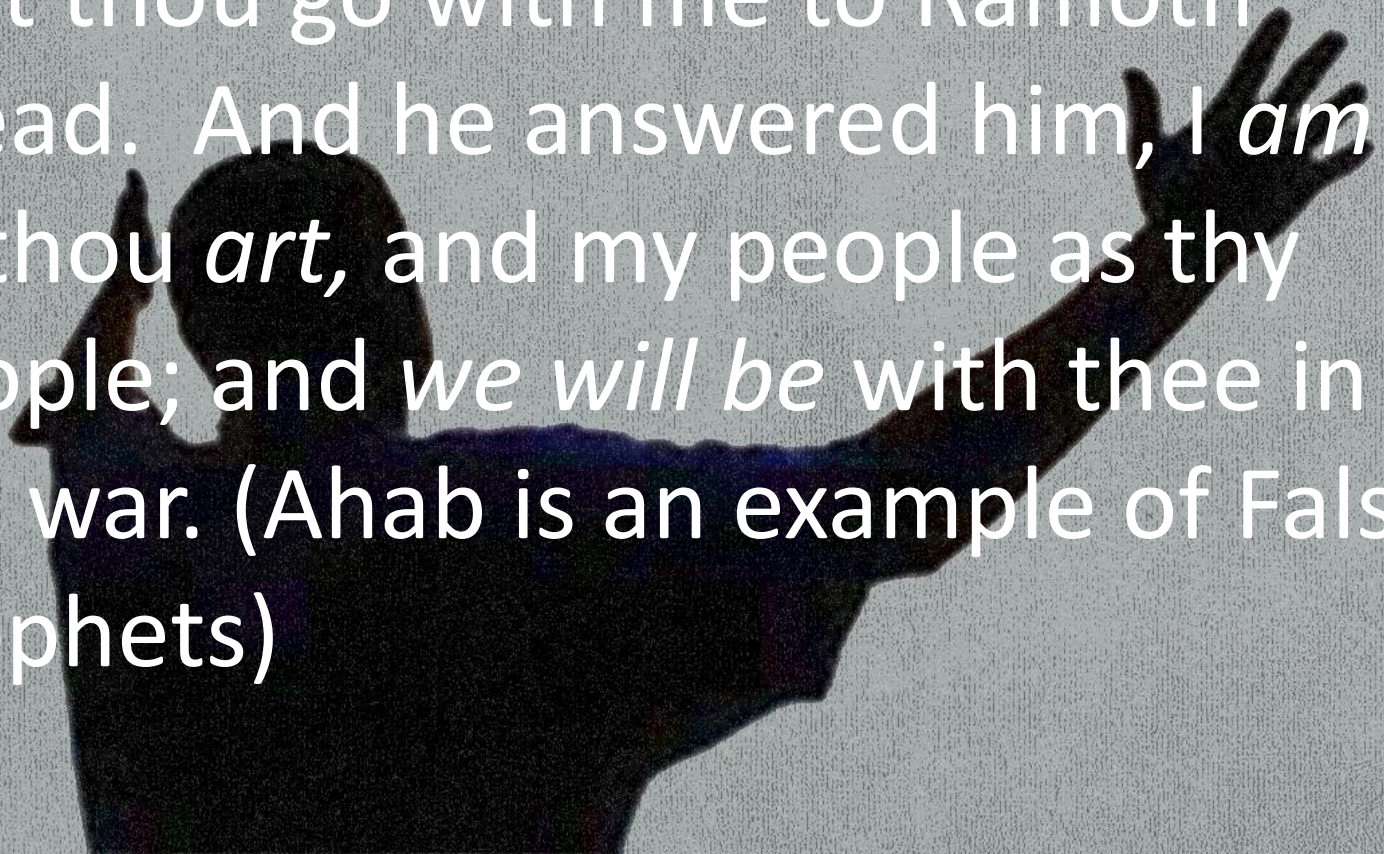
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- 2Ch 18:1 Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined **affinity** with Ahab.
- 2Ch 18:2 And after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and **persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramoth Gilead.**

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- 2Ch 18:3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth gilead. And he answered him, I *am* as thou *art*, and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war. (Ahab is an example of False prophets)



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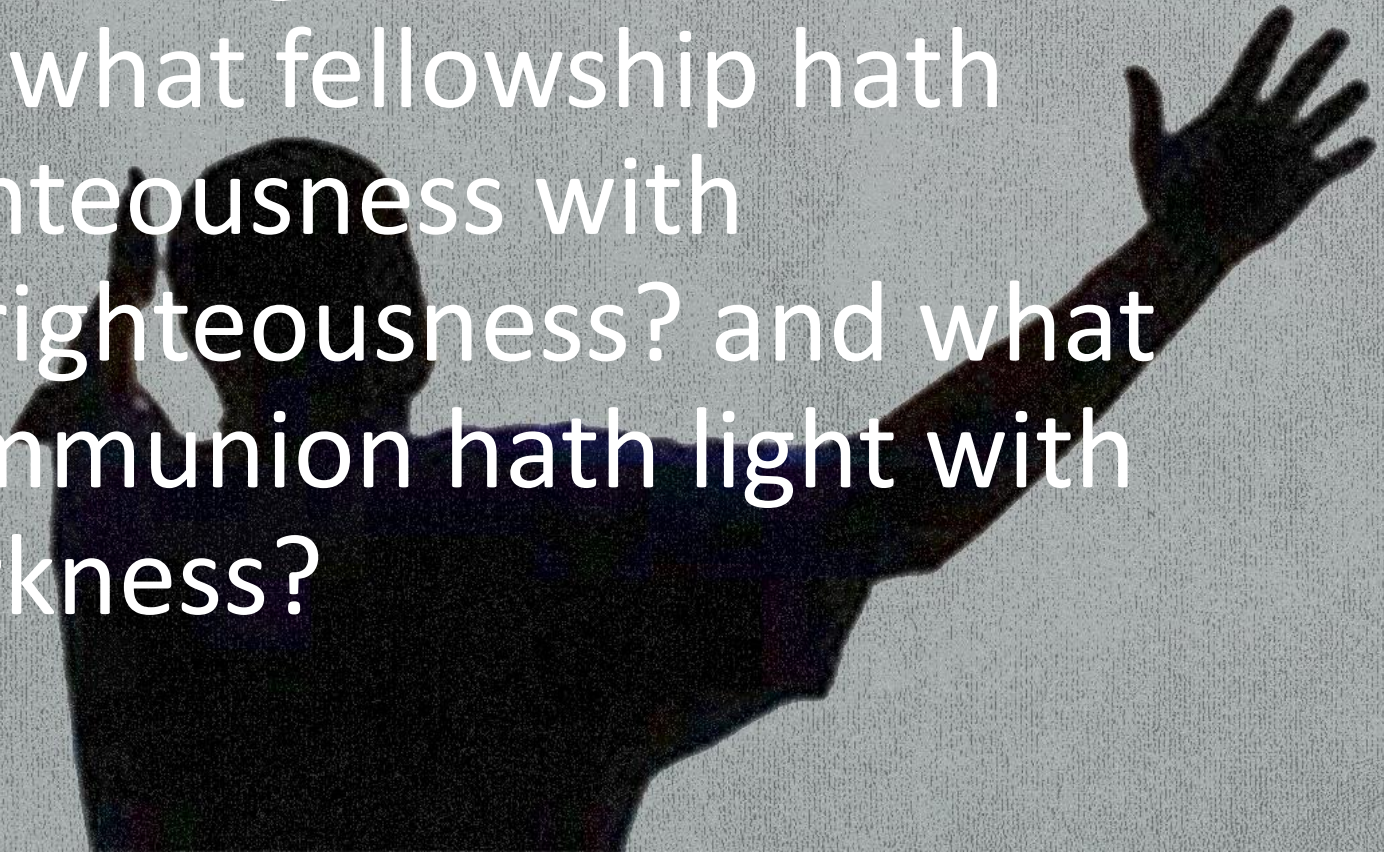
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- 2Ch 18:4 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, **Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.**
- 2Ch 18:5 Therefore the king of Israel **gathered together of prophets four hundred men**, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver *it* into the king's hand.

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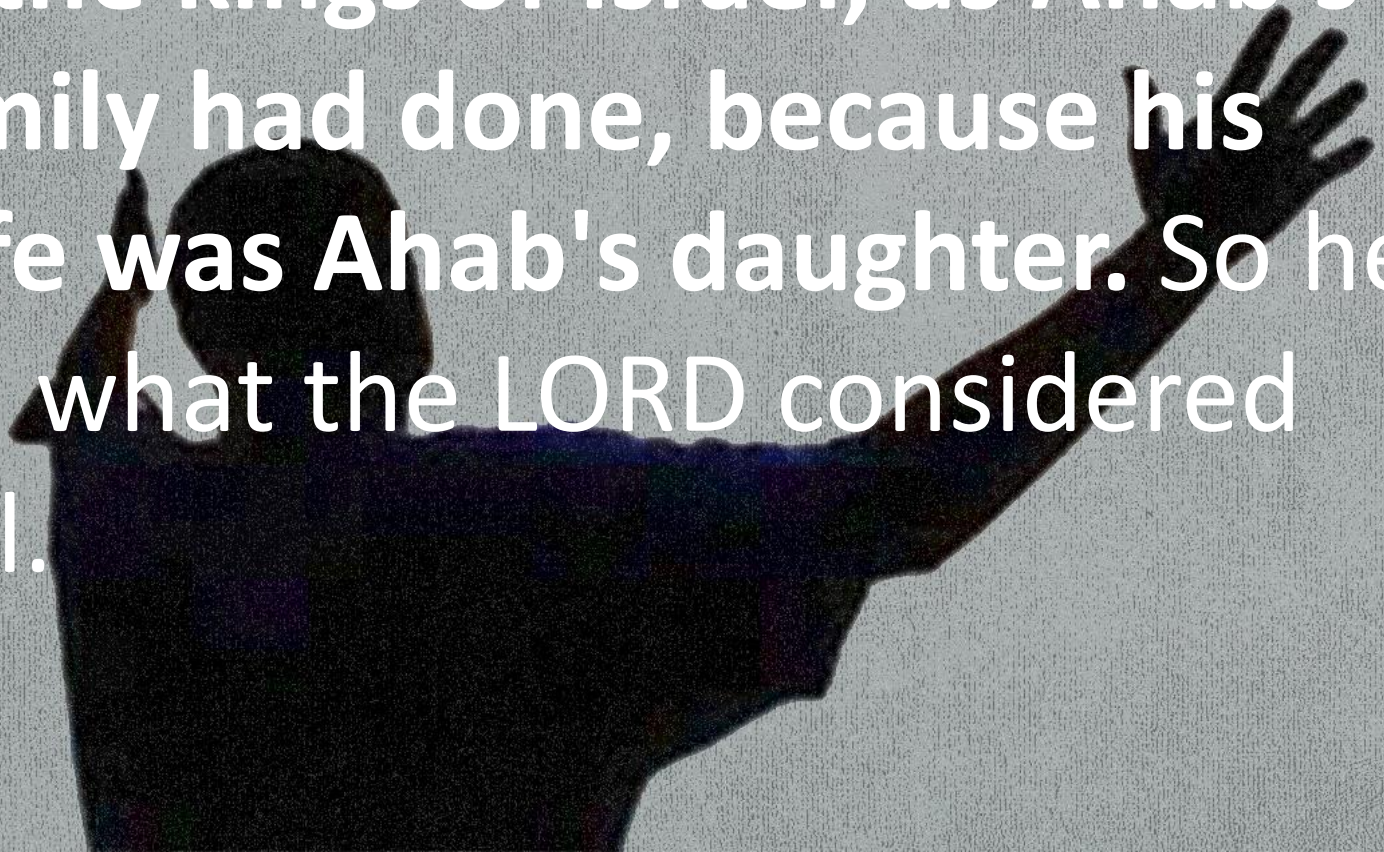
- 2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?



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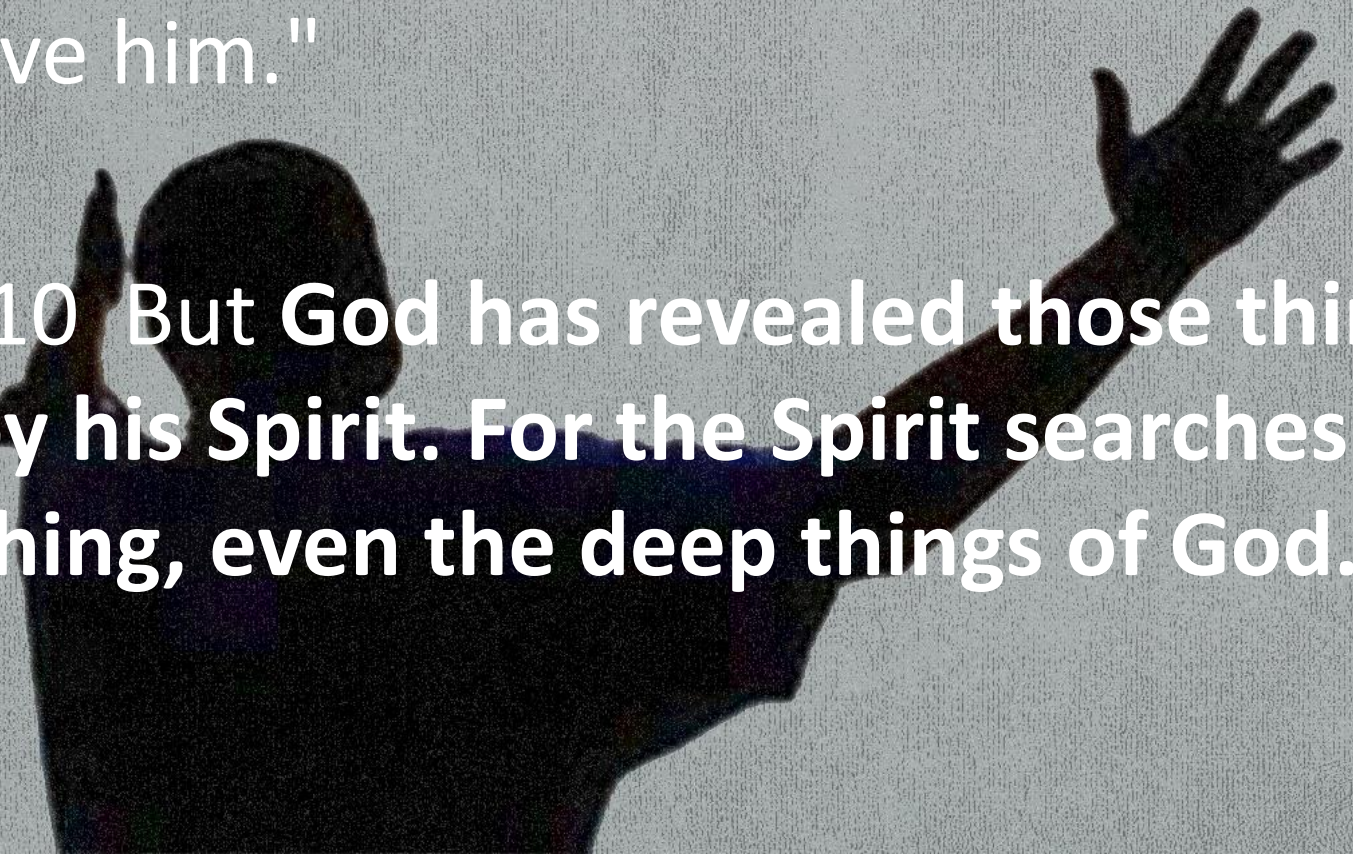
- 2Ch 21:6 He followed the ways of the kings of Israel, as Ahab's family had done, because his wife was Ahab's daughter. So he did what the LORD considered evil.



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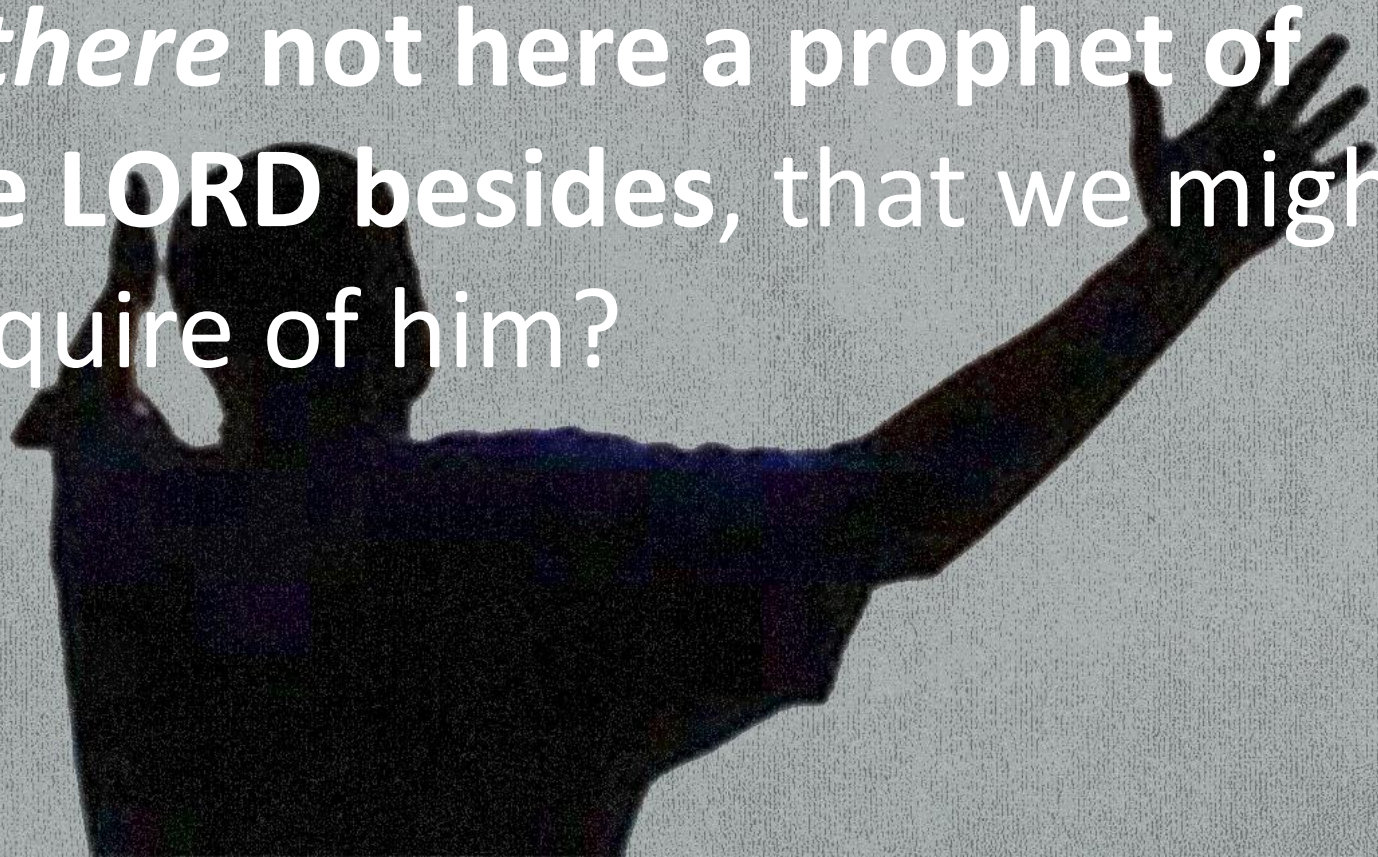
- 1Co 2:9 But as it is written, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love him."
- 1Co 2:10 But **God has revealed those things to us by his Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the deep things of God.**



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- 2Ch 18:6 But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?*



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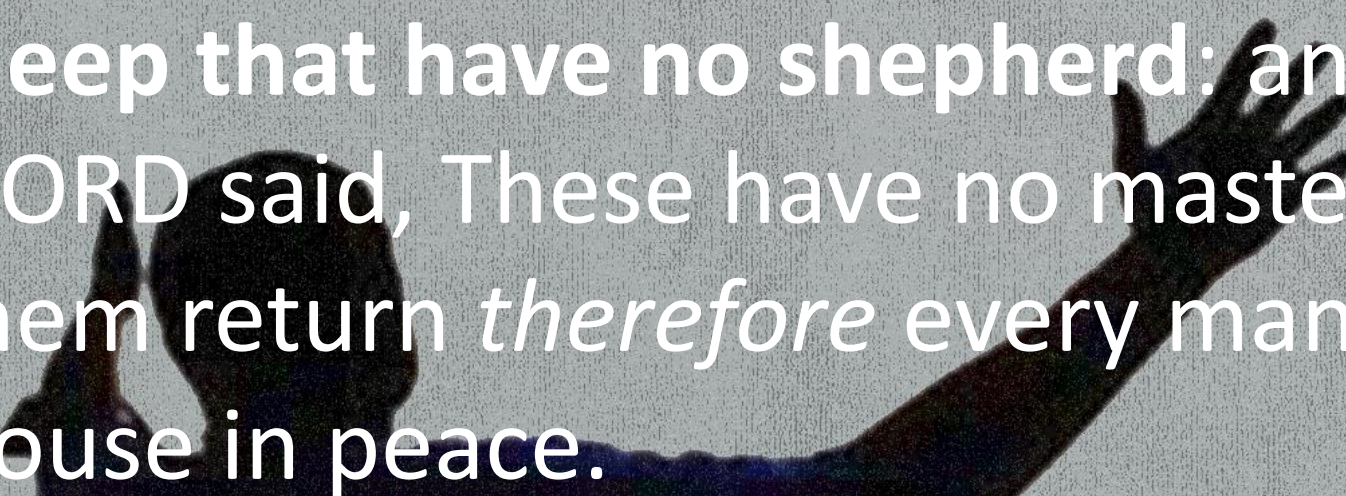
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- 2Ch 18:7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same is Micaiah the son of Imla.* And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

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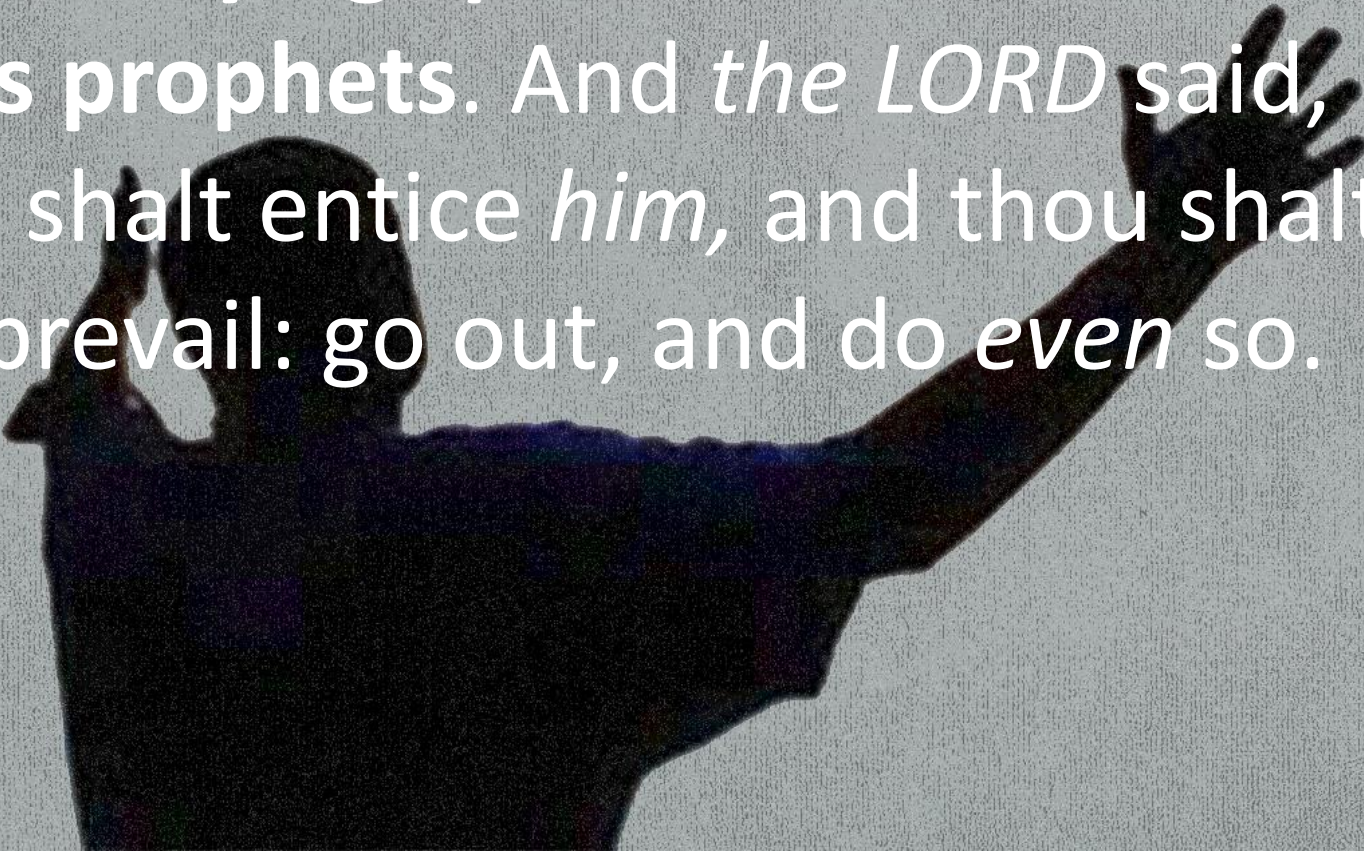
2Ch 18:16 Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return *therefore* every man to his house in peace.

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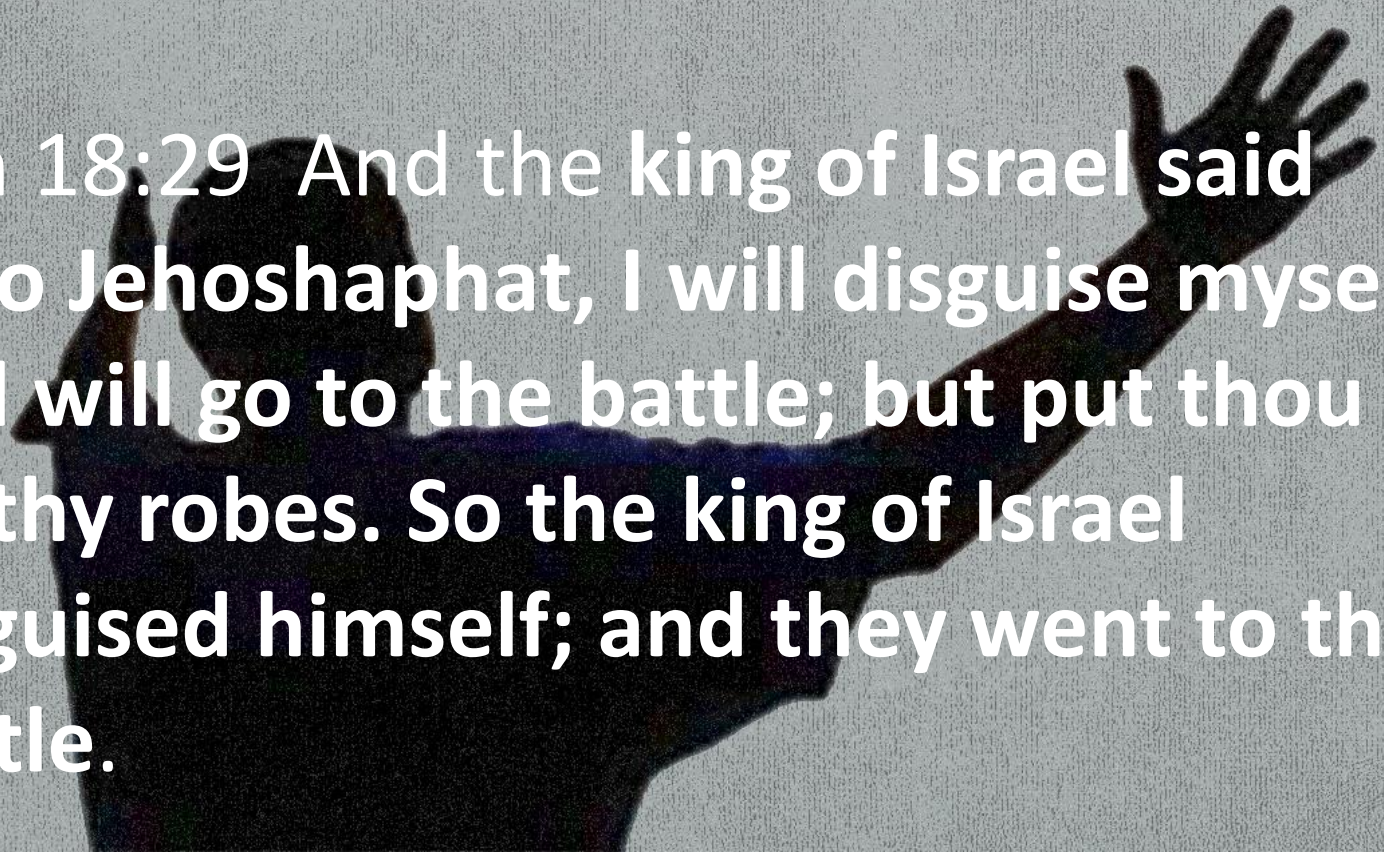
2Ch 18:21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And *the LORD* said, Thou shalt entice *him*, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do *even* so.

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- 2Ch 18:28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth gilead.
- 2Ch 18:29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle.



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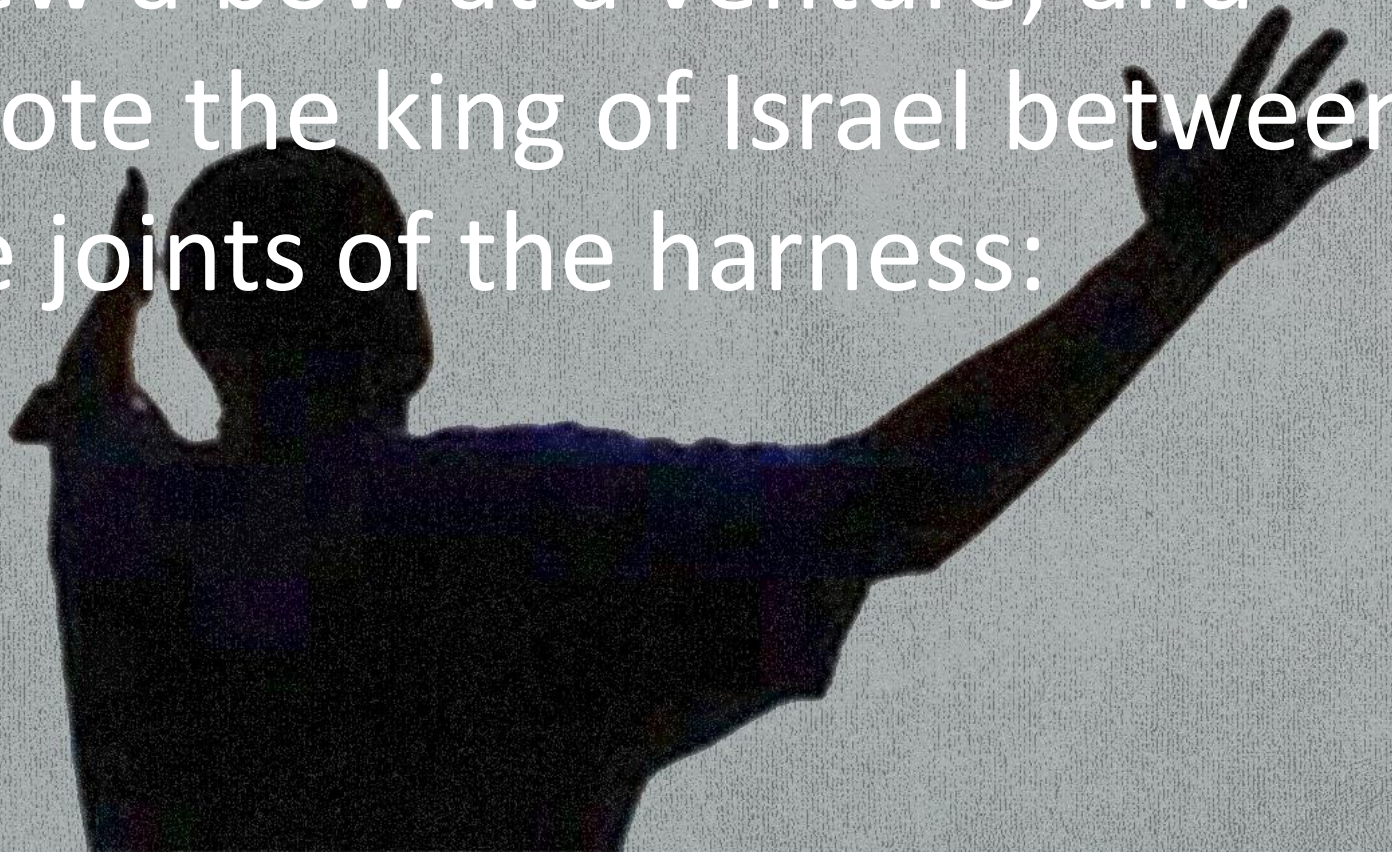
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- 2Ch 18:31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It *is* the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but **Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him;** and God moved them *to depart* from him.

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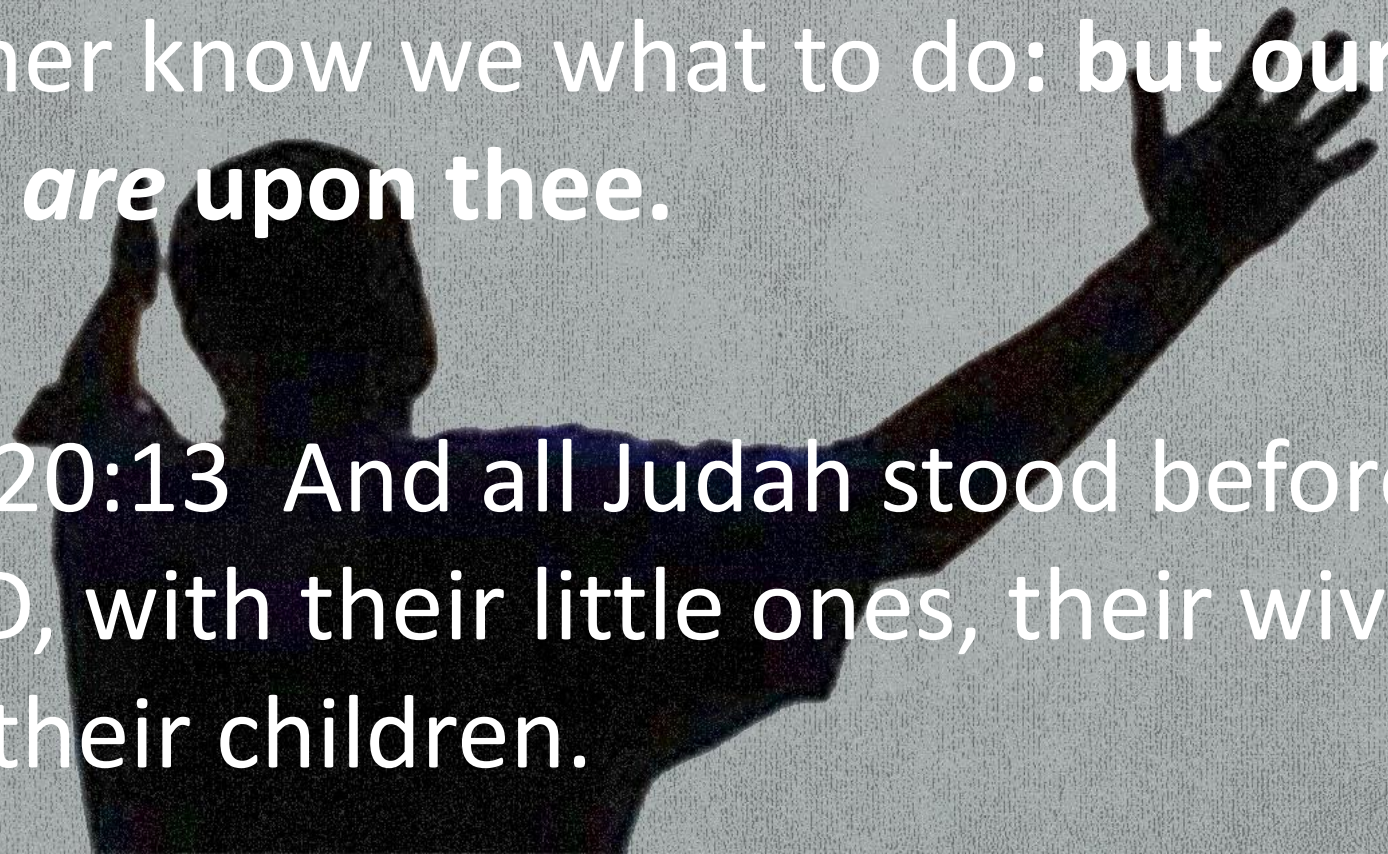
- 2Ch 18:33 And a *certain* man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness:



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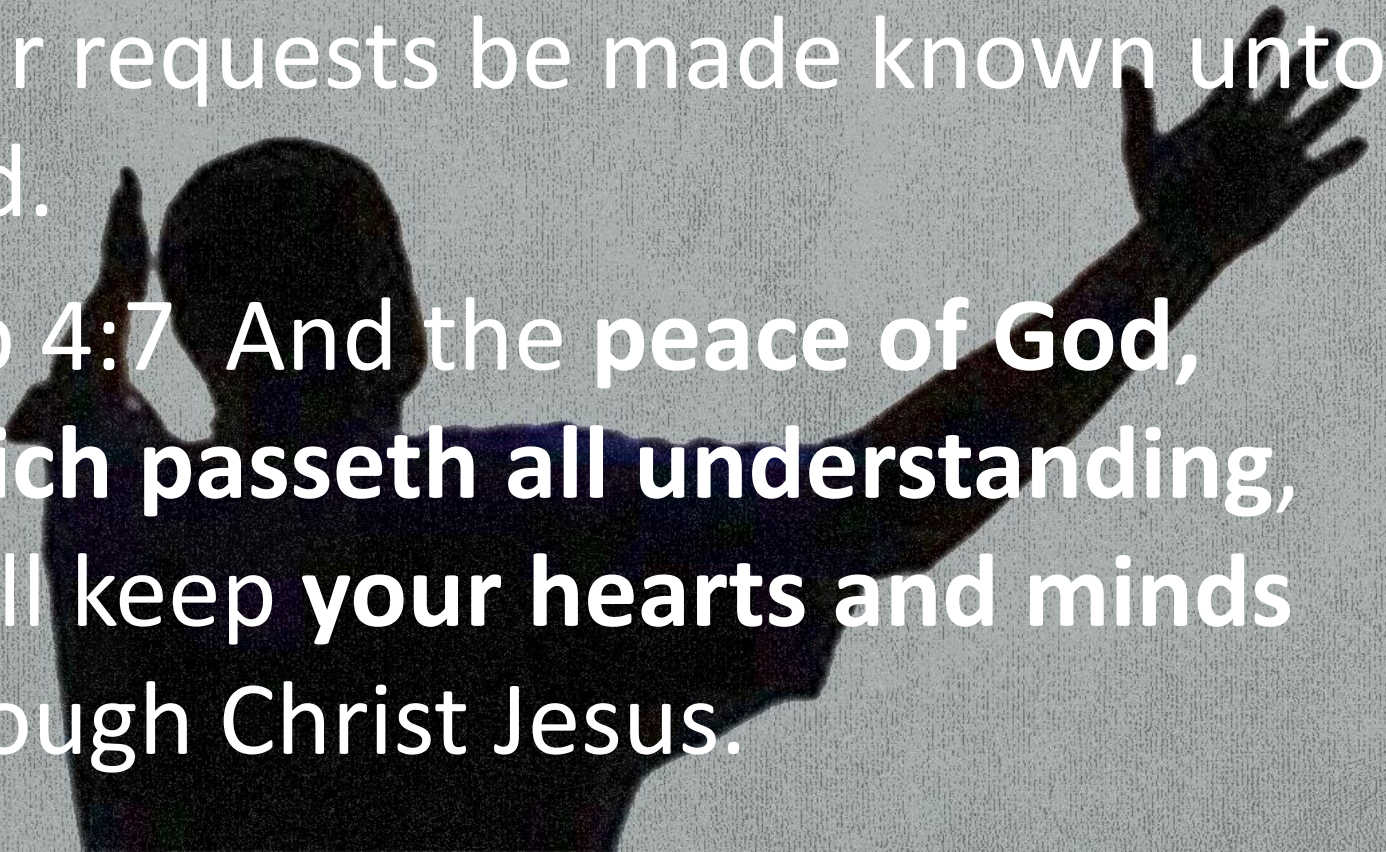
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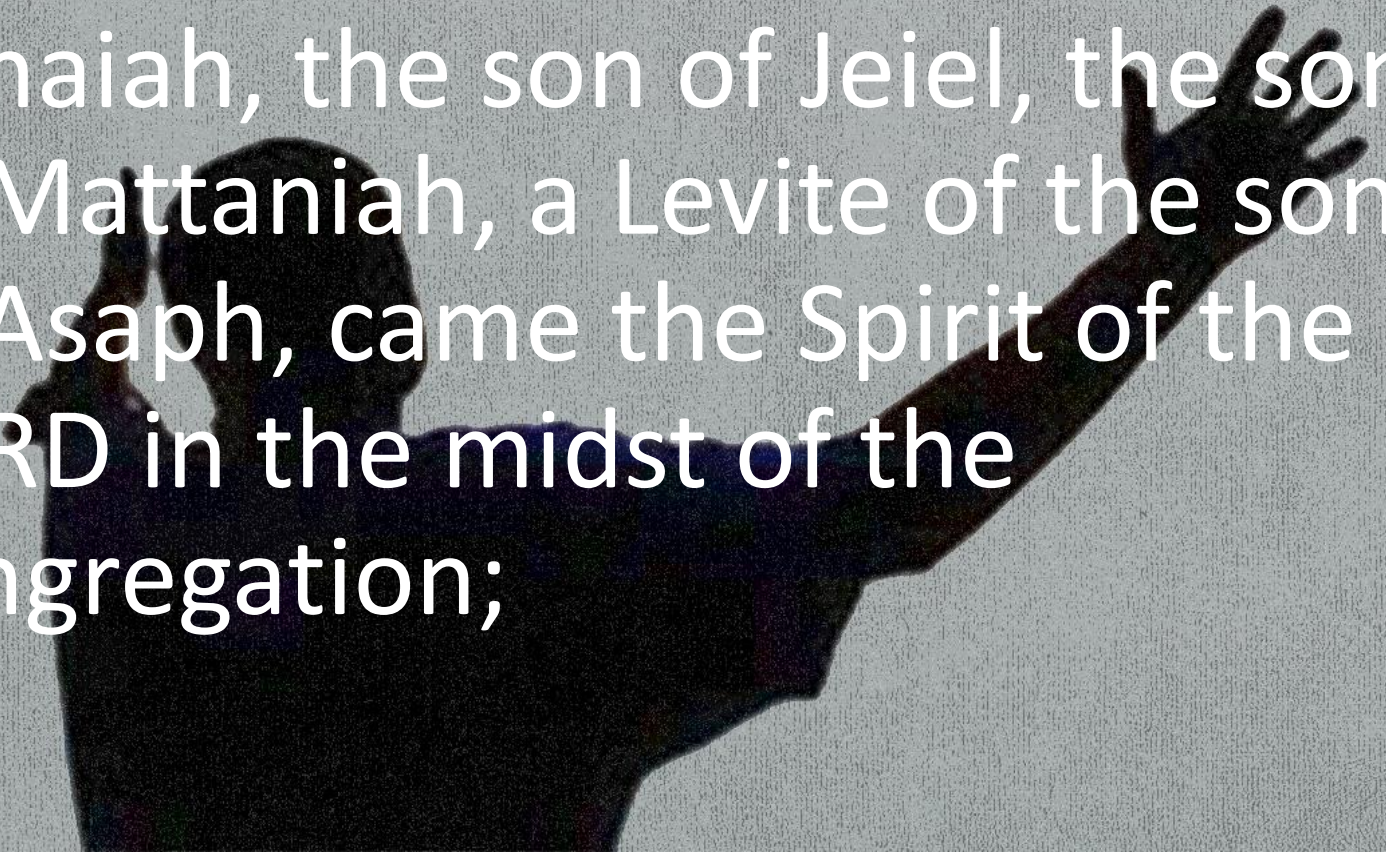
- Php 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- Php 4:7 And the **peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**



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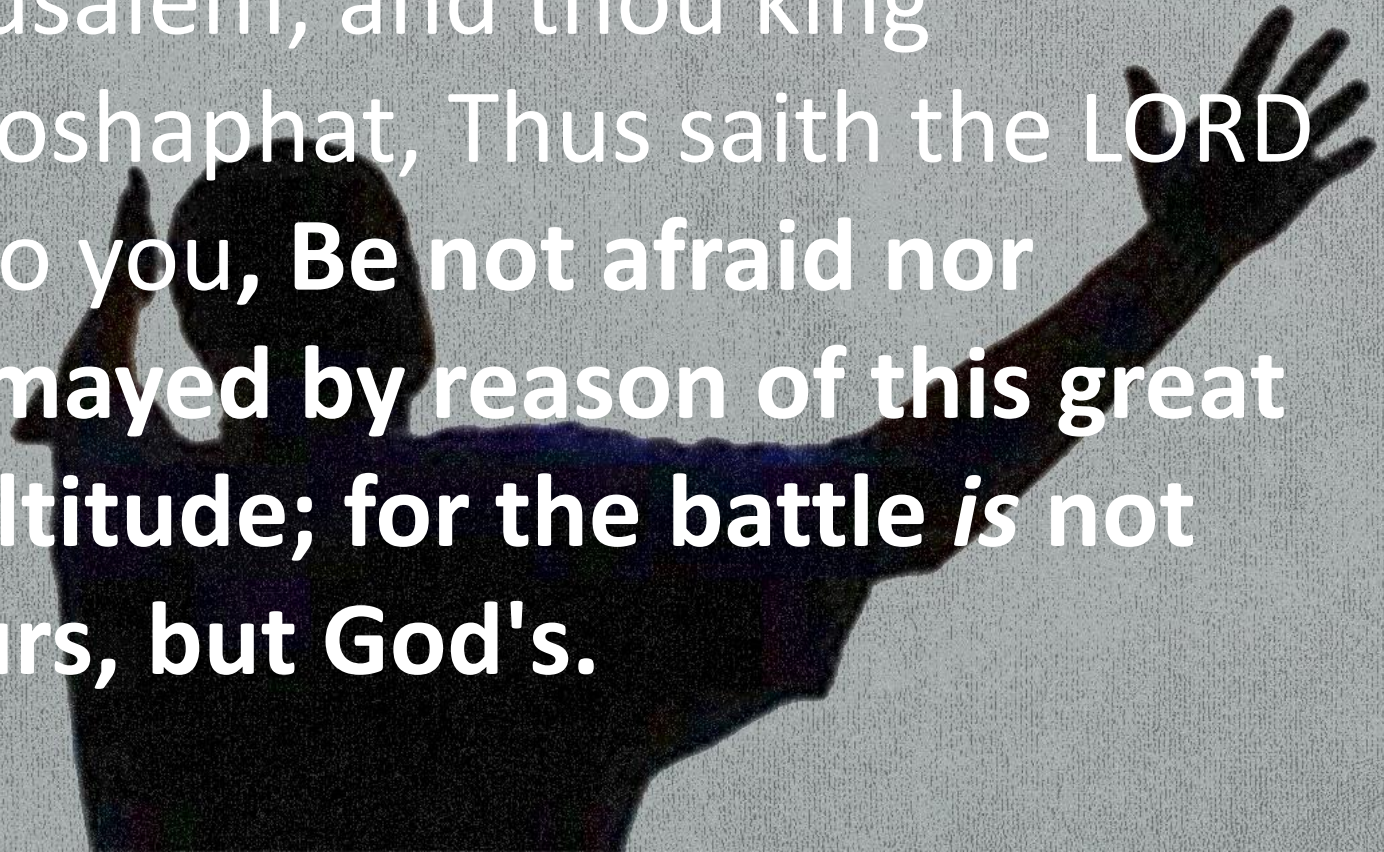
- 2Ch 20:14 Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation;



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- 2Ch 20:15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, **Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle *is* not yours, but God's.**



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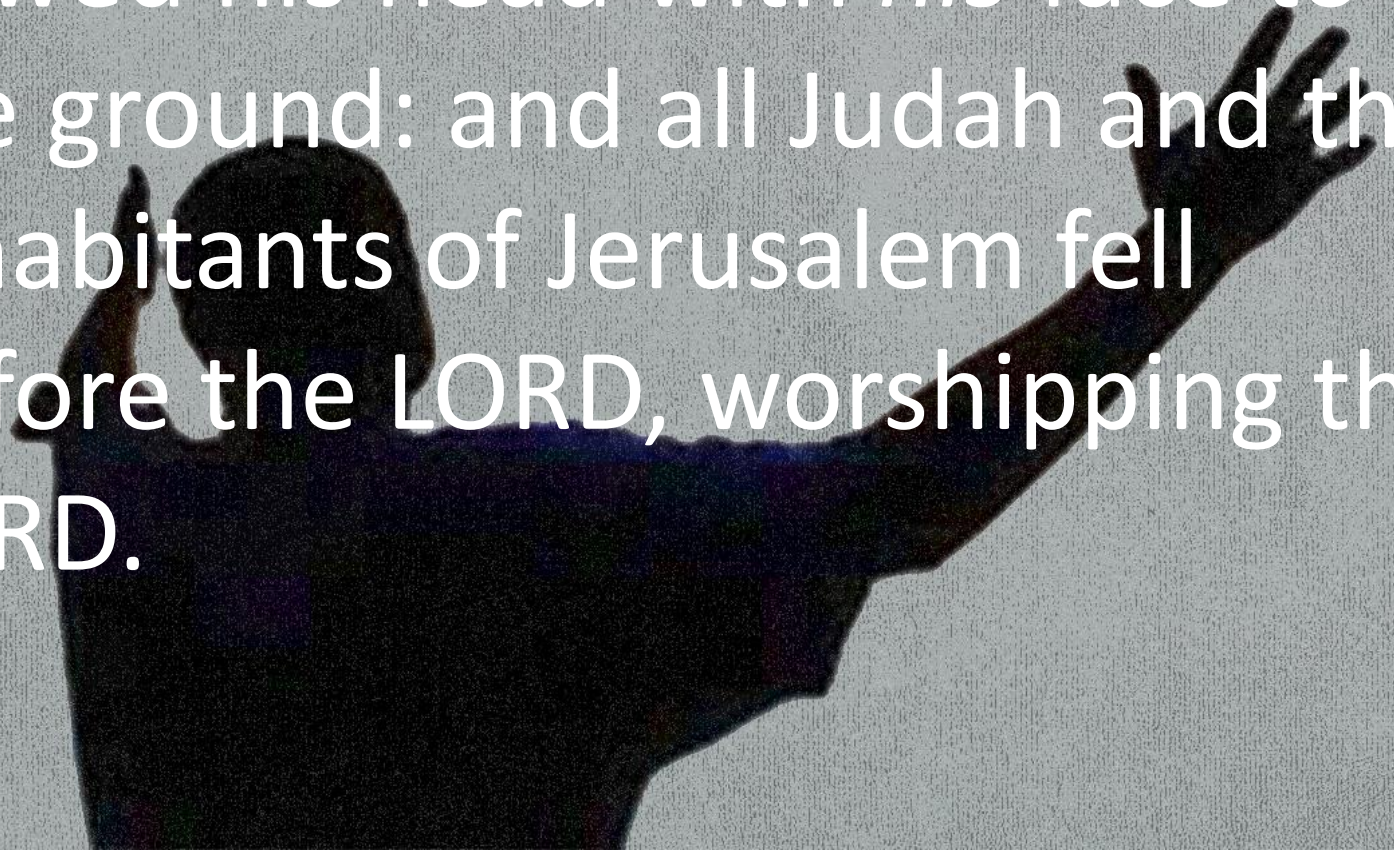
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- 2Ch 20:17 Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, stand ye *still*, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD *will be* with you.

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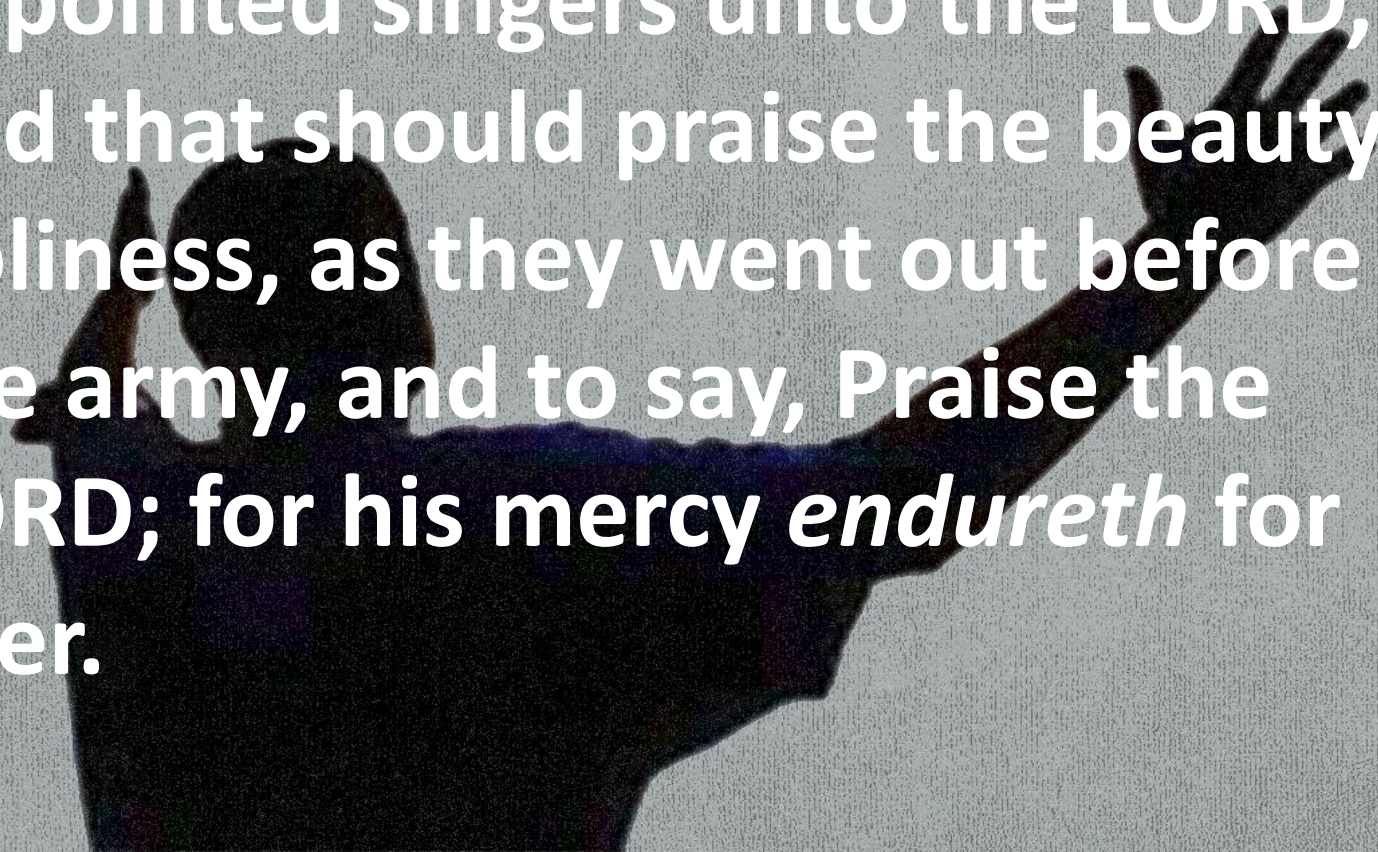
- 2Ch 20:18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with *his* face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD.



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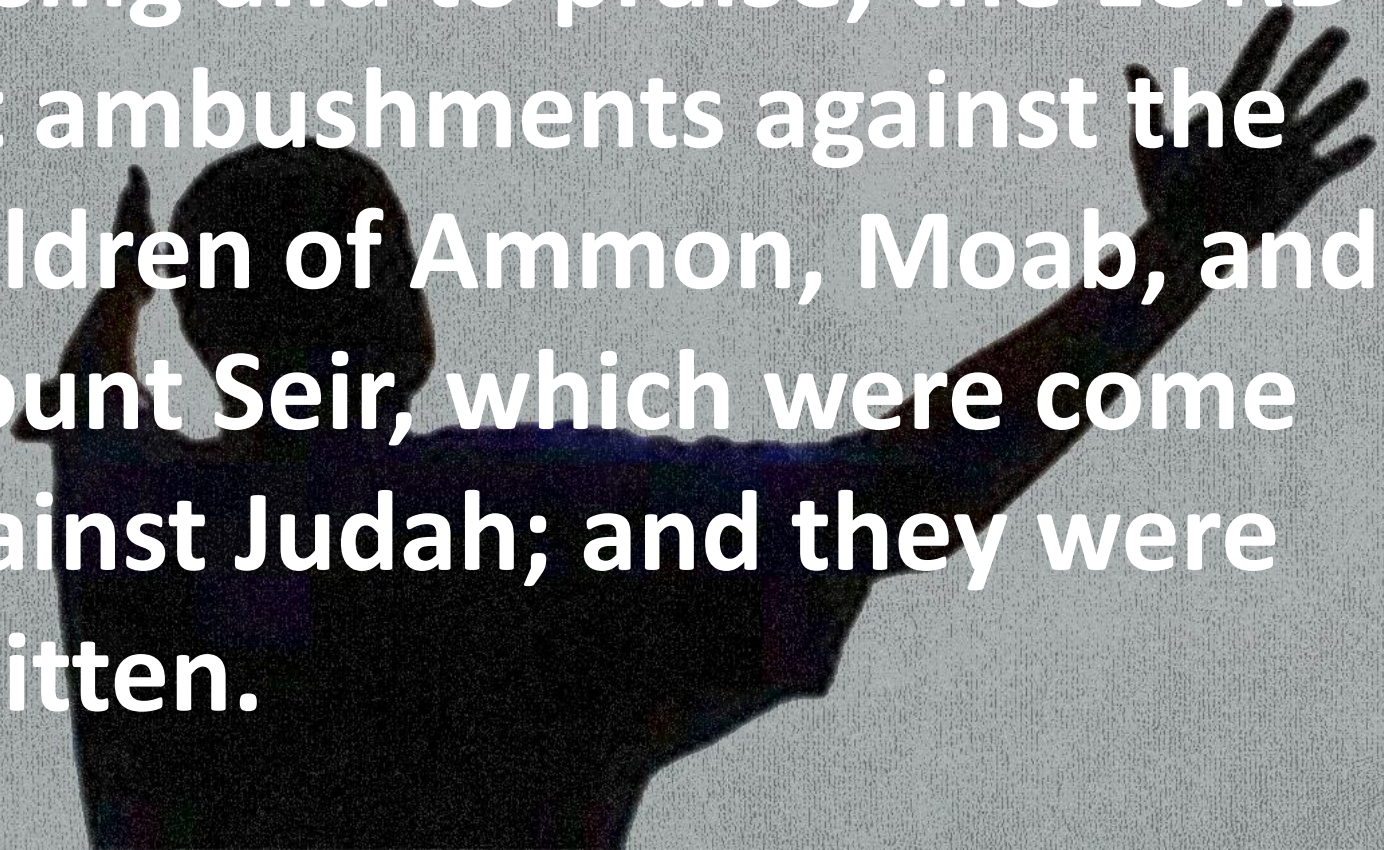
- 2Ch 20:21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.



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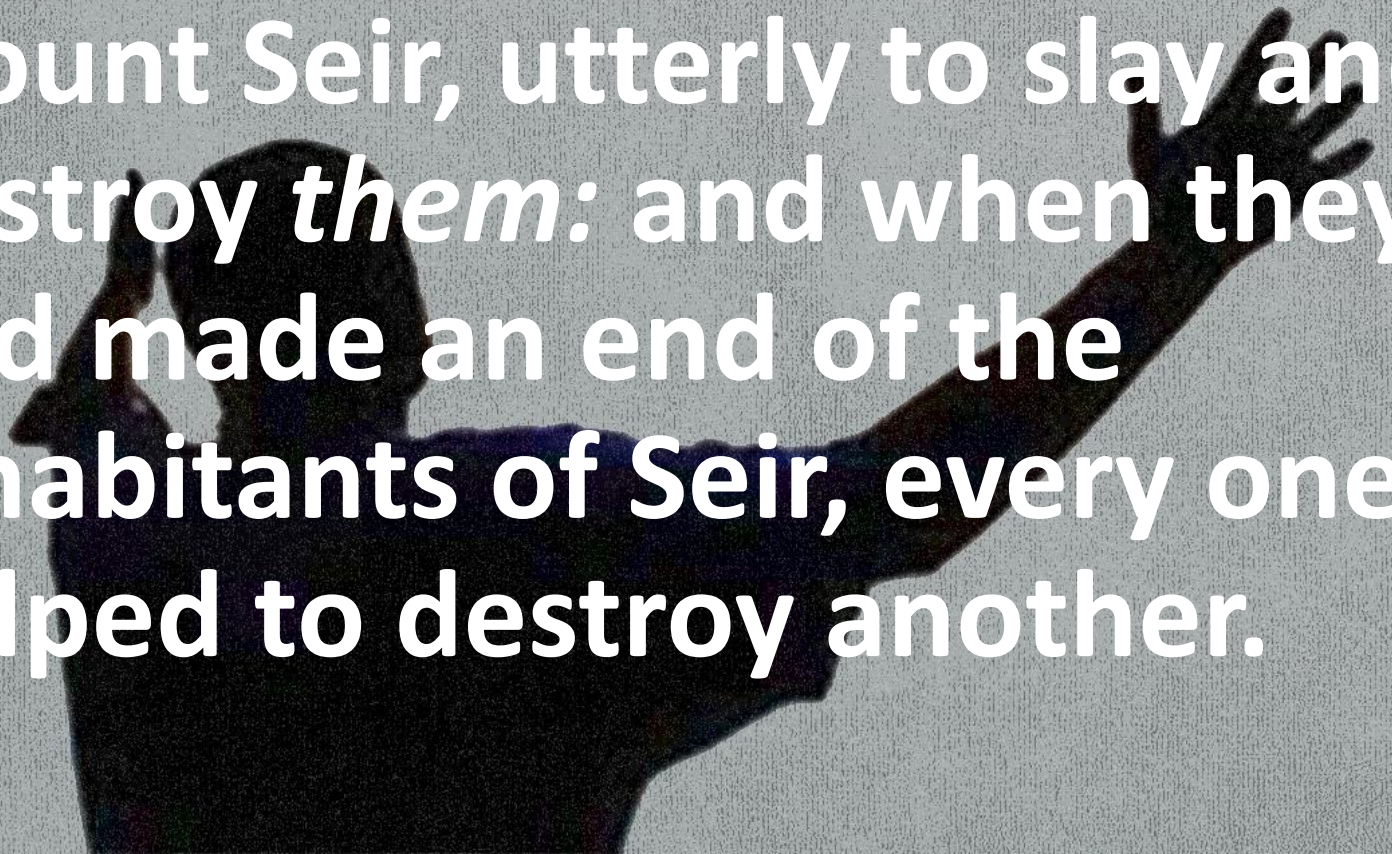
- 2Ch 20:22 And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.



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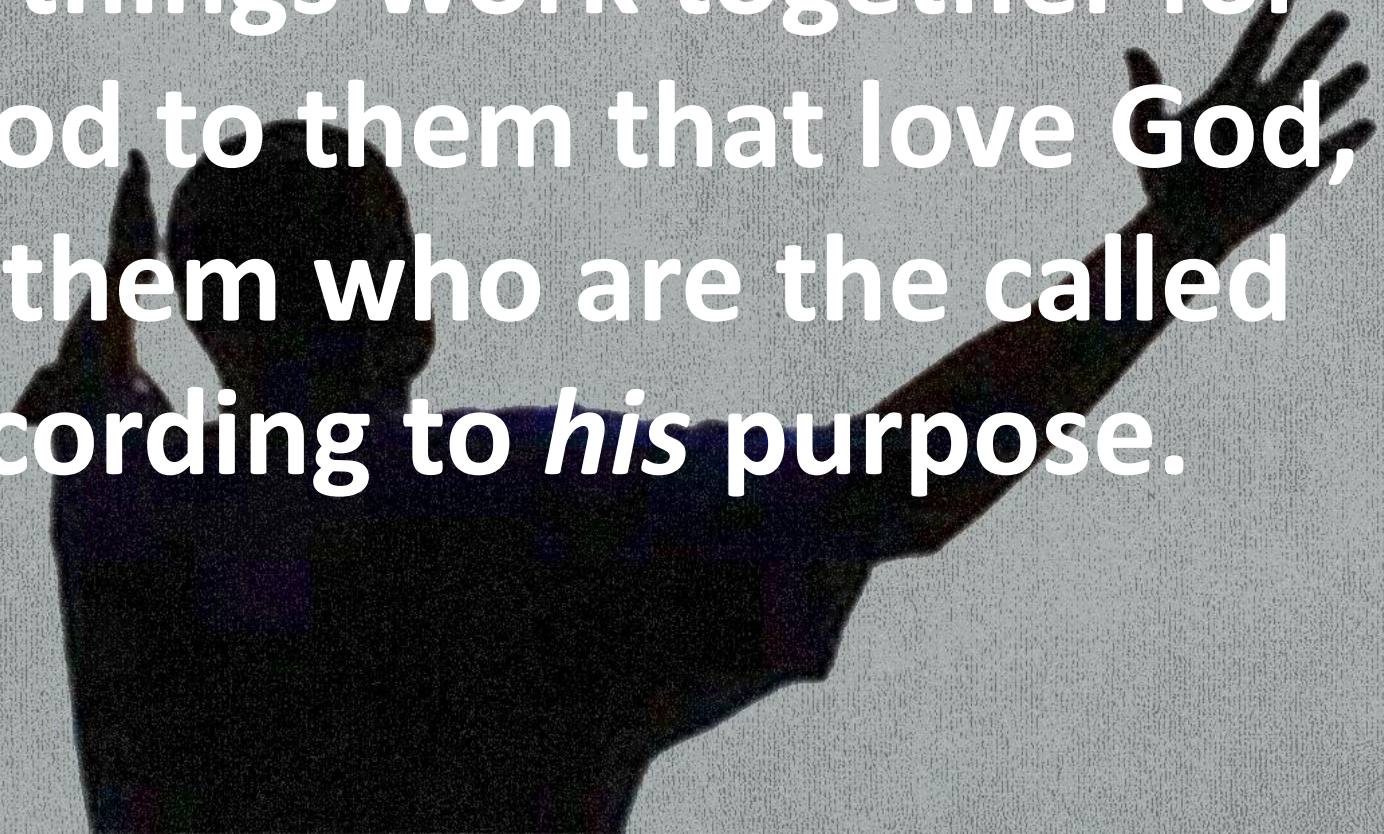
- 2Ch 20:23 For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy *them*: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.



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- Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.



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- 2Ch 20:26 And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the LORD: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day.

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- 2Ch 20:29 And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of *those* countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.

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