



Empty Alliance, Future Shock

Hurrying Down to Disaster #5 2nd Kings 3

A story of a failed & failing relationship with the One True God...

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| I. Jehoram (= Joram), king of Israel introduced | 3:1-3 |
| II. Mesha, king of Moab rebels (see 1:1) | 3:4-5 |
| III. Alliance formed with Jehoshaphat, king of Judah | 3:6-7 |
| IV. Allied armies march south through Edom around toward Moab (& add Edom as ally) | 3:8-9 |
| V. Allied armies run out of water (Jehoram blames Yahweh) | 3:9-10 |
| VI. Elisha the Prophet is remembered & sought | 3:11-19 |
| A. He rejects Jehoram & Israel | |
| B. He has regard for Jehoshaphat & Judah | |
| C. He says God will bring them water & significant victories against the Moabites | |
| VII. The 3-King Confederation marches into Moab with many victories as prophesied | 3:20-25 |
| VIII. "Wrath" mysteriously comes against Israel & the allied armies withdraw | 3:26-27 |
| A. This follows the King of Moab's human sacrifice of his son | |
| B. Thus final victory is lost | |

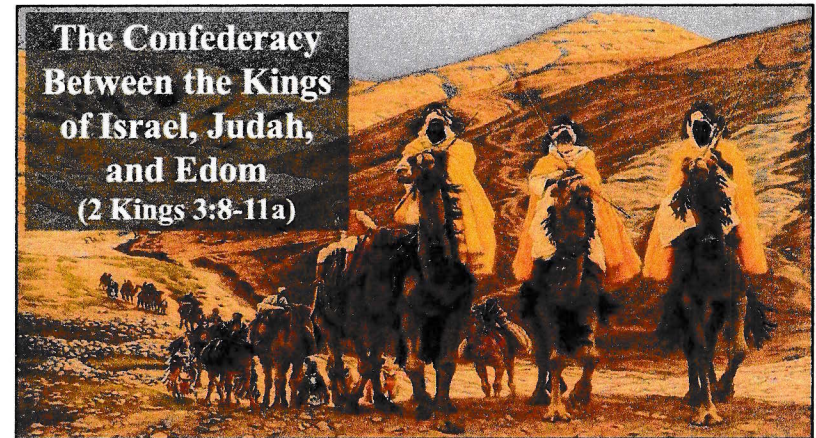
The Alliance that every home, every city, every nation needs is an Alliance with God. Absent such a connection, present troubles may serve as warnings for those whose future is therefore bleak.

Joram is introduced as one who continues in the fashion of his father (Ahab). The account of the abortive expedition into Moab supports the thesis that apostasy brings with it defeat...

The venture into Moab, which was spurred on by prophetic encouragement, presents the final judgment on the apostasy of Joram. He returns defeated and loses control of Moab in the process... In the scheme of the writer of 2nd Kings, the beginning of the end of Israel is now seen... The monarchy is disintegrating.

Whatever respites are ahead are only temporary.

- T. R. Hobbs, 2nd Kings, p.38



**Covenant Presbyterian Church
of
Reno, Nevada**

June 30, 2024

Service for The Lord's Day

June 30, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

And Elisha said, "As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, were it not that I have regard for Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would neither look at you nor see you." – 2 Kings 3:14

We Gather because The Living God Has Regard for Us

- Prelude** Nancy Tedford, piano
- Greetings & Church Family News** Pastor Jay Hull
- Minute for Mission Covenant VBS 2024** Kathy Ludwig & Jenny McNeely

In Worship, Our Musicians Play & the Lord's Hand Is with Us

- Sacrament of Baptism** Johnny Davis Cline
- *Songs of Praise** Samuel Dueñas & the CPC Praise Band
"Man of Sorrows"
"Cornerstone"
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- Children's Prayer Time** Katie Guerrero
- Prayer of Confession, Word of Assurance & Gloria Patri (#734)**
- Time of Offering**
***Doxology (#731)**
& Prayer of Thanksgiving Jenny McNeely

The Word of The Lord is with Us

- Hymn of Preparation** "Spirit of the Living God" #726
- Scripture Reading:** 2 Kings 3:1-27 (p.308) Kathy Ludwig
- Message:** Empty Alliance, Future Shock
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We Depart as Our God's Anointed Representatives in His World

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

*Closing Hymn of Praise

"Immortal, Invisible,
God Only Wise"

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*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

Nancy Tedford,
organ

*indicates to stand
if you are able

