

Message 5

# THE JEHOSEPHATH PRINCIPLES

## Lessons from the life of Jehoshaphat

1. You do not have to be a wicked man to do untold, immeasurable damage to the cause of Christ. You can be a godly, sincere, doctrinally correct revivalist and still set a disaster in motion.
2. Everyone's ministry is *multi-generational*, therefore, every present course of action will have historic consequences.
3. Sowing and reaping always take place in a framework of time.
  - ◆ The production of fruit is a long, slow process.
  - ◆ That which is sown is magnified and multiplied many times over — Something relatively insignificant can have enormous consequences.
4. History many times tells an entirely different story than the contemporary account. Outward appearances in the present can be very deceiving.
5. Discernment is the ability to see the long term consequences of a present course of action.
6. Alliances, associations and companions are always a critical factor in our ultimate destiny.
7. Alliances always give birth to accommodations that can and do lead to dangerous commitments.
8. The ultimate outcome is always determined by the principles that govern the immediate course of action.
9. The long term consequences of a man's life and ministry is not ultimately determined by what a man *teaches* but by what a man *tolerates*. (Dr. Less Ollila) Great Bible teachers can and do create spiritual disasters for the generations that follows them.
10. God is the only One qualified to define for me who is and who is not wicked. Wicked men can be very nice men. The seeds of destruction are sown without exception when godly men are yoked together with wicked men.
11. Ahab's greatest wickedness was in the spiritual realm. False gospels and false doctrines are never a matter of indifference with God. They are a direct assault on His character and His truth and are wicked.
12. Going into apostasy and idolatry is very easily and quickly done. Recovering from apostasy and idolatry is almost impossible.
13. Carelessness by one generation can produce untold damage on many generations to follow.
14. Those who insist on peace at any price will ultimately lose everything.

### ISRAEL

Northern Kingdom

### JUDAH

Southern Kingdom

<b>Ahab &amp; Jezebel</b>	<b>Jehoshaphat</b>
<b>Ahaziah</b> - Son of Ahab	
<b>Joram</b> - Son of Ahab, brother of Ahaziah.	<b>Jehoram</b> - Son of Jehoshaphat, Husband of Athaliah (Ahab's daughter) son-in-law of Ahab
<b>Jehu</b>	<b>Ahaziah</b> - Son of Jehoram and Athaliah, Grandson of both Jehoshaphat and Ahab
	<b>Athaliah</b> - Daughter of Ahab and Jezebel (Jehoram's wife)