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A1538 ~ Elijah's prophecies about Ahab.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Story writers who earn their living by inventing dramatic plots about made-up characters, know that conflict makes for an interesting story. The real life story of wicked King Ahab and Queen Jezebel in Israel underlines the conflict between our patient and merciful God and two people determined to do evil whenever they could.

By contrast, in the southern kingdom of Judah and at the start of his reign, King Asa was a good king who desired to worship God. He set about ridding his kingdom of idols. So consistent was his action against idol worship that he even removed his own grandmother from her position because she had made an idol. He had the idol burnt.

Early in his reign, King Asa met an invading army but with the help of God, he easily defeated it and drove it from his land. A prophet from God was sent to Asa to commend him for his remarkable trust in God in that time of danger. Encouraged by this, Asa completed the religious reformation he had begun. He persuaded the people to enter into a covenant with God. Asa reigned as king for just over 40 years and was succeeded by his son Jehoshaphat in the 4th year of Ahab's reign, which was in the northern kingdom.

King Jehoshaphat was a good king who worshipped God. He removed all the idol places of worship from Judah. A few years later he sent 5 of his sons (but not his crown prince), to teach the people in the cities of Judah about God. A group of Levites and priests helped in this work. At the same time, a terror from the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms around Judah so they never attempted to make war. Some sent Jehoshaphat large gifts and this meant Jehoshaphat had become very wealthy. This is recorded in the 2nd book of Chronicles, Chapter 17.

Jehoshaphat also stopped the long-running hostilities with the northern kingdom of Israel. This peace brought prosperity to both kingdoms. In turn, Queen Jezebel wanted an alliance between the north and south kingdoms by organising a royal marriage between the two.

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King Jehoshaphat, however, made some mistakes. He should never have allowed his crown prince to marry the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, all of whom were devoted Baal worshippers. This alliance also brought obligations, like going into battle with Ahab.

Ramah-Gilead was a city on the extreme eastern border of Israel and had been captured by the Syrians. Ahab wanted it back and invited Jehoshaphat to Israel for a visit. When Jehoshaphat came, Ahab manipulated him into agreeing to use his army in Ahab's battle. But first, Jehoshaphat wanted to consult a prophet of God.

Ahab called in his 400 prophets of Baal. Ahab had seen the fire come down from heaven on Mount Carmel, proving the Lord God was the true god while Baal was the false one. Yet he never changed his way of living. Some people are convinced in their minds but not in their hearts, so they never bow the knee to their Creator God.

Jehoshaphat was not satisfied with the Baal prophet predictions of success and Ahab called in a true prophet of God, called Micaiah. Micaiah's prediction of Ahab's death so enraged Ahab, he had Micaiah imprisoned and treated roughly.

Earlier when Ahab had stolen Naboth's land, Elijah had prophesied to Ahab about his and Jezebel's dishonourable deaths. Ahab obviously was very nervous about this but was also cunning. So heeding Micaiah's warning, he took off his royal robes to set Jehoshaphat up as king to be killed. If this happened, then Ahab's own daughter would be queen of Judah.

God overruled in this case and a chance arrow hit Ahab and mortally wounded him. Both Micaiah's and Elijah's prophecies regarding Ahab's death came true. It was several years later before Elijah's prediction about Jezebel's death was also fulfilled.

While in war, Jehoshaphat had been in extreme danger from the Syrian soldiers and quickly learnt his lesson of participating with wicked Ahab. We too, must be very wary of making friends with evil people and trying to fight other people's battles for them.

Sometimes God's intervention in the affairs of people is considered by some to be just "chance." Do you believe in chance? Meeting someone unexpectedly? A small item being out of place to cause a problem that stops bigger things from happening? God is very merciful and nothing He does is by chance. The believer in the Lord Jesus Christ knows that every detail is worked out for our good.

Two medical workers, a husband and a wife, were employed in Sydney Australia. The wife had believed that God was calling them to the mission field. At first her husband wanted to stay home and enjoy himself. One day, the wife started at the top of the list of all the overseas mission organisations in the telephone book, calling to see if anyone wanted workers with their type of medical specialization. She received knockbacks from every call until she phoned one starting with "W." Yes, they could work in Nepal.

Then followed a series of frustrations! One day a friend brought over some Christian magazines for the couple to read. Inside one was a double page on work with leprosy sufferers in Nepal. The mission was not one they had heard of but the wife phoned the number. “Well, that’s funny,” the lady on the other end of the phone said. “I sent out an urgent advertisement for two workers with your skills just yesterday.”

The wife rushed down to her husband’s practice nearby and told him. He was in the middle of treating a local pastor. He asked the pastor if he had any cross-cultural workers from his church. Yes, he said, he had one working in Nepal with the same organisation. From the time the wife started reading the magazine until they both had jobs working in a distant country, along with news of a fellow Australian working there, only half an hour had gone by! Were these events a lot of chances or coincidences?

Those who have had similar experiences of God’s hand moving through circumstances in their lives are absolutely sure God has every detail under His control. Sadly, some people have the idea that our universe is like a clock God created and set to work while He now just stands back and watches.

In the New Testament book of Hebrews, Chapter 1, it says: “In these last days God has spoken to us through His Son. He (that is Jesus) is the one through whom God created the universe, the one whom God has chosen to possess all things at the end. He (Jesus) reflects the brightness of God’s glory and is the exact likeness of God’s own being, sustaining the universe with his powerful word. After achieving forgiveness for the sins of all human beings, he sat down in heaven at the right side of God.”

Do you believe this? The Lord Jesus made forgiveness of sin a free gift to all people who come humbly to Him and ask for it. You may believe this in your mind but you also need to believe it with all your heart.

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That was Anne Barbour singing “There is Forgiveness.”

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