# Truth, Lies & Compromise
# Revisited

Background

2Chron 18:1 Jehoshaphat, a good king, joined affinity to Ahab, a wicked king
2Kings 8:18 Jehoran, Jehoshaphat's son, married Ahab's daughter

1Kings 22

vs. 2 Jehoshaphat goes to visit Ahab
vs. 3 In a feast Ahab brings up his war with Syria over Ramoth Gilead
vs. 4 Jehoshaphat states his & Judah's unity with Ahab & Israel in this endeavor
vs. 5 Jehoshaphat asks if Jehovah is behind the effort
vs. 6 Ahab asks his prophets (400) if "God" is behind the effort. They say "YES!"
vs. 7 Jehoshaphat asks if one of Jehovah's prophets is around to confirm this
vs. 8 Ahab says there is, Micaiah, but he hates him for not delivering a good message
vs. 9 Ahab sends for Micaiah
vs. 12 The religious establishment is all in tune with the message Ahab wants.
vs. 13 The messenger sent to get Micaiah tells him what "message" is expected
vs. 14 Micaiah replies he only knows Jehovah's message
vs. 15 When before the kings, Micaiah delivers the expected message.
vs. 16 Ahab doesn't believe him - he is implacable!
vs. 17-23 Micaiah explains Jehovah's purposes
vs. 29 Ahab & Jehoshaphat go to battle anyway
vs. 30 Ahab explains to Jehoshaphat his means of self protection
vs. 31-33 Jehoshaphat's narrow escape
vs. 34-38 Jehovah's will executed upon Ahab

Afterward

2Chron 19:1-3 Jehovah's rebuke of Jehoshaphat

Lessons & Observations

1. Ties, especially family ties, to the wicked/worldly are wrong.
2. Efforts to "influence" the wicked/worldly will not work.
    1. The righteous will have to compromise his convictions for the wicked won't.
    2. The wicked always have reasons for what they do! (None of them are good.)
    3. The wicked hate messengers that don't deliver the message they like.
    4. The wicked are implacable - those representing right will always be in the wrong.
3. The wicked will knowingly attempt to circumvent God's purposes in life.
4. The compromised righteous man is in trouble.
    1. He can be caught in the same net of punishment as the wicked.
    2. He can be blinded to God's truth just like the wicked.