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Book of 2nd Kings Chapter 03

12_2KI_03_01 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

12_2KI_03_02 And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.

12_2KI_03_03 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

12_2KI_03_04 And Meshah king of Moab was a sheeppaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool.

12_2KI_03_05 But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

12_2KI_03_06 And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel.

12_2KI_03_07 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I [am] as thou [art], my people as thy people, [and] my horses as thy horses.

12_2KI_03_08 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom.

12_2KI_03_09 So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them.

12_2KI_03_10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

12_2KI_03_11 But Jehoshaphat said, [Is there] not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may inquire of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here [is] Elisha the son of Shaphat, which poured water on the hands of Elijah.

12_2KI_03_12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

12_2KI_03_13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab.

12_2KI_03_14 And Elisha said, [As] the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.

12_2KI_03_15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

12_2KI_03_16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches.

12_2KI_03_17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.

12_2KI_03_18 And this is [but] a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.

12_2KI_03_19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.

12_2KI_03_20 And it came to pass in the morning, when the meat offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

12_2KI_03_21 And when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and stood in the border.

12_2KI_03_22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side [as] red as blood:

12_2KI_03_23 And they said, This [is] blood: the kings are surely slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil.

12_2KI_03_24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in [their] country.

12_2KI_03_25 And they beat down the cities, and on every good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in Kirharaseth left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about [it], and smote it.

12_2KI_03_26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through [even] unto the king of Edom: but they could not.

12_2KI_03_27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him [for] a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to [their own] land.