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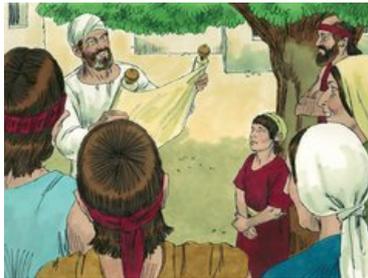
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| 1 When King Asa died, his son Jehoshaphat became king of the southern Kingdom of Judah. He was 35 years old. King Ahab was ruler of the northern kingdom. |  <p>THE DIVIDED KINGDOM</p> <p>ISRAEL</p> <p>JUDAH</p> <p>Mediterranean Sea</p> <p>Dead Sea</p> <p>Jerusalem</p> | |
| 2 When Jehoshaphat became king, the people of Judah brought him gifts and he became a wealthy man. He decided to follow God's ways and obey His laws rather than worship idols. |  | |
| 3 The high places, where people worshipped false gods and set up poles to the goddess Asherah, were destroyed. |  | |

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- 4 In the third year of his reign he chose officials, priests and Levites to go out and teach God's ways to everyone in the nation. They took the Book of God's Laws with them.



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- 5 They travelled throughout Judea, visiting every town explaining how God wanted people to live.



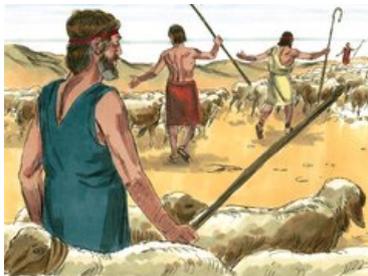
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- 6 People began to respect God and obey Him.



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- 7 The fear of God also spread to nearby enemy nations. Some Philistines brought Jehoshaphat gifts and silver as a tribute.



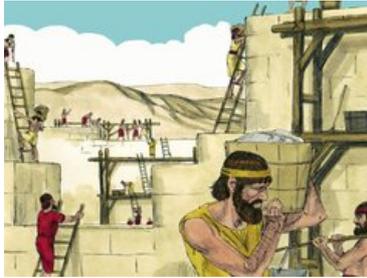
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- 8 Arabs living nearby brought Jehoshaphat gifts of flocks - 7,700 rams and 7,700 goats.



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- 9 As Jehoshaphat became more and more powerful, he built forts.



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- 10 He also strengthened the defences of cities that stored supplies for the nation.



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- 11 Jehoshaphat recruited a large army of experienced fighting men who were stationed in Jerusalem and the fortified cities of Judah.



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- 12 Over a million men were trained and equipped to defend the nation. (There are further sets of images about Jehoshaphat and the battles he faced at FreeBibleimages).



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