

*Game of Thrones: Love*  
**2 Chronicles 17-20**  
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Introduction

**Jehoshaphat's throne: a faithful yet imperfect king.**

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## 2 Chronicles 17:1-6

### Jehoshaphat Reigns in Judah

<sup>1</sup>Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place and strengthened himself against Israel. <sup>2</sup>He placed forces in all the fortified cities of Judah and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim that Asa his father had captured. <sup>3</sup>The LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the earlier ways of his father David. He did not seek the Baals, <sup>4</sup>but sought the God of his father and walked in his commandments, and not according to the practices of Israel. <sup>5</sup>Therefore the LORD established the kingdom in his hand. And all Judah brought tribute to Jehoshaphat, and he had great riches and honor. <sup>6</sup>His heart was courageous in the ways of the LORD. And furthermore, he took the high places and the Asherim out of Judah.

## 2 Chronicles 18:8-10

<sup>8</sup>Then the king of Israel summoned an officer and said, “Bring quickly Micaiah the son of Imlah.” <sup>9</sup>Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting on their thrones, arrayed in their robes. And they were sitting at the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were prophesying before them. <sup>10</sup>And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made for himself horns of iron and said, “Thus says the LORD, ‘With these you shall push the Syrians until they are destroyed.’”

## 2 Chronicles 18:23-26

<sup>23</sup>Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near and struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, “Which way did the Spirit of the LORD go from me to speak to you?” <sup>24</sup>And Micaiah said, “Behold, you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide yourself.” <sup>25</sup>And the king of Israel said, “Seize Micaiah and take him back to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son, <sup>26</sup>and say, ‘Thus says the king, Put this fellow in prison and feed him with meager rations of bread and water until I return in peace.’”

## 2 Chronicles 18:28

### The Defeat and Death of Ahab

<sup>28</sup>So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

## 2 Chronicles 19:1-3

### Jehoshaphat's Reforms

<sup>1</sup>Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned in safety to his house in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>But Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him and said to King Jehoshaphat, “Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Because of this, wrath has gone out against you from the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Nevertheless, some good is found in you, for you destroyed the Asherahs out of the land, and have set your heart to seek God.”

## 2 Chronicles 20:31-37

<sup>31</sup>Thus Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah. He was thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. <sup>32</sup>He walked in the way of Asa his father and did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the sight of the LORD. <sup>33</sup>The high places, however, were not taken away; the people had not yet set their hearts upon the God of their fathers.

<sup>34</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, from first to last, are written in the chronicles of Jehu the son of Hanani, which are recorded in the Book of the Kings of Israel.

### The End of Jehoshaphat's Reign

<sup>35</sup>After this Jehoshaphat king of Judah joined with Ahaziah king of Israel, who acted wickedly. <sup>36</sup>He joined him in building ships to go to Tarshish, and they built the ships in Ezion-geber. <sup>37</sup>Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, “Because you have joined with Ahaziah, the LORD will destroy what you have made.” And the ships were wrecked and were not able to go to Tarshish.