



# **Position ourselves in the Lord our God**

*Lessons from the life of King Jehoshaphat*

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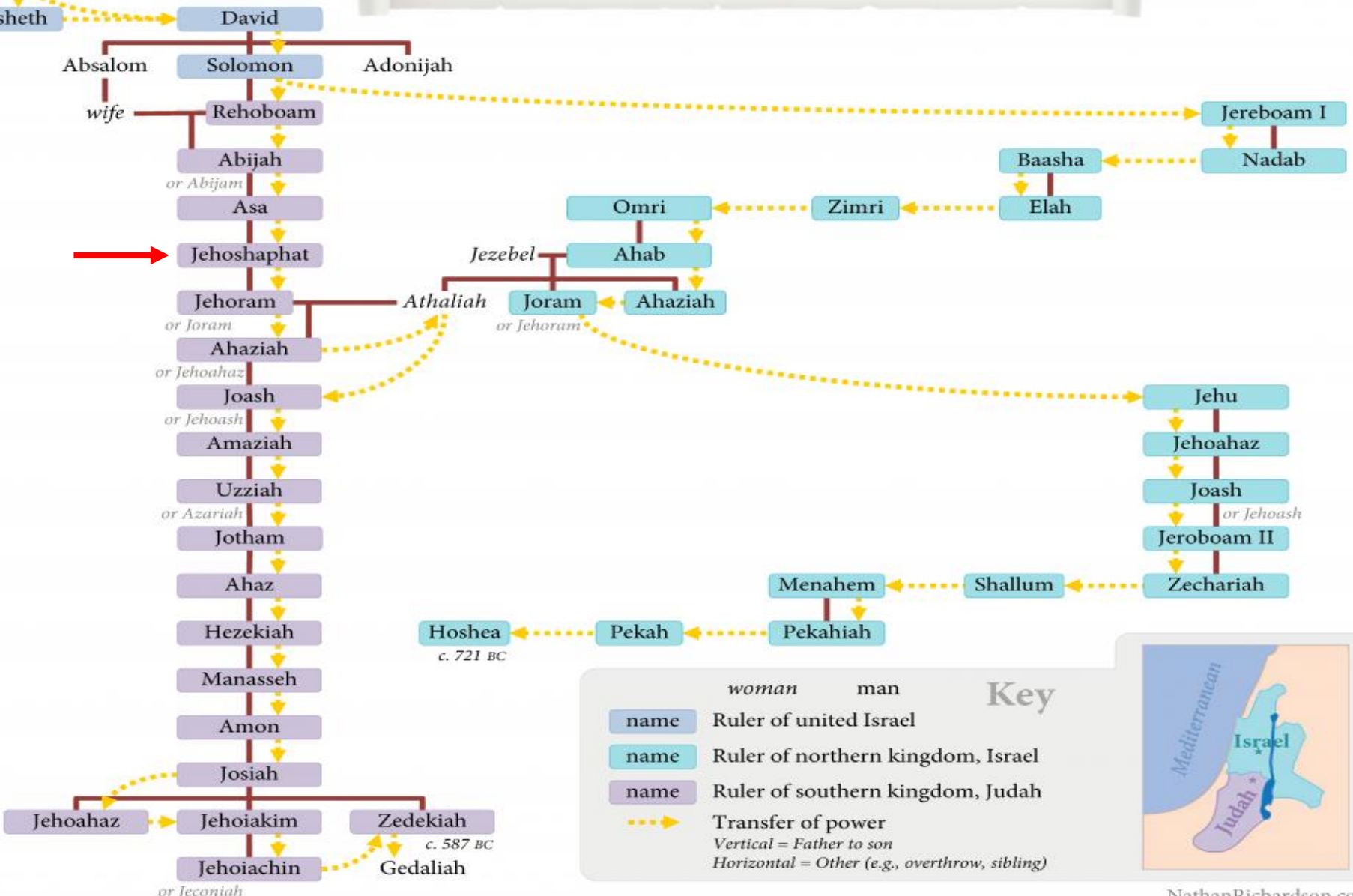


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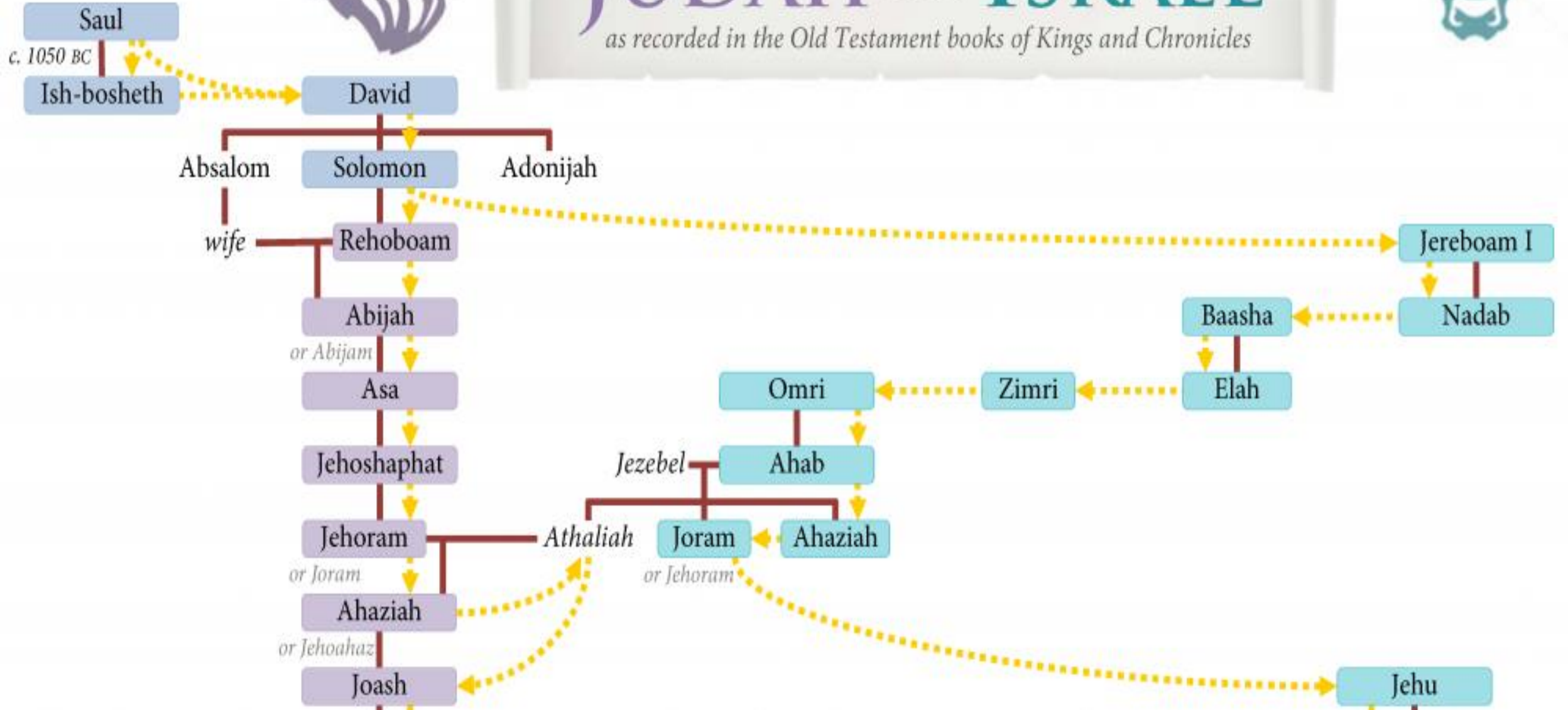
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Ish-bosheth





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# 2 Chro 17:3-6 (Good Foundation/Start)

<sup>3</sup>Now the Lord was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the former 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 acts of Israel (\*1 Kings 16:31-33).

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the Lord established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah gave presents to Jehoshaphat, and he had riches and honor in abundance.

<sup>6</sup> And his heart took delight in the ways of the Lord; moreover he removed the high places and wooden images from Judah.

***1) Seek God, Obey His commandments, Know Him***

Psalm 103:7 - He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel.

Know God **ways** = who He **is**

Know God acts (works) = what He **does**





## 2 Chro 18:1-3 (Wrong alliance)

<sup>1</sup> Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and by marriage he allied himself with Ahab.

*(Jehoshaphat's son Jehoram married Ahab's daughter Athaliah)*

<sup>2</sup> After some years he went down to visit Ahab in Samaria; and Ahab killed sheep and oxen in abundance for him and the people who were with him, and persuaded him to go up with him to Ramoth Gilead.

### **2) Recognise the work of the five-fold ministry (prophet)**

<sup>6</sup> But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not still a prophet of the Lord here, that we may inquire of Him?"

- 400 prophets with lying spirit vs. Micaiah

<sup>18</sup> Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing on His right hand and His left. <sup>19</sup> And the Lord said, 'Who will persuade Ahab king of Israel to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?'



# 2 Chro 18:31 (The Lord's protection)

<sup>31</sup> So it was, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, “It is the king of Israel!” Therefore they surrounded him to attack; but Jehoshaphat **cried out, and the Lord helped him**, and God diverted them from him.

***3) Cry out to the Lord!***

## **\*Contrast to King Asa (2 Chro 16)**

<sup>7</sup> And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him: “Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and **have not relied on the Lord** your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand.

<sup>12</sup> And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease he **did not seek the Lord**, but the physicians.



## 2 Chro 19:1-4 (Repentance)

<sup>1</sup> Then Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned safely to his house in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> And 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?** Therefore the wrath of the Lord is upon you.

<sup>3</sup> Nevertheless good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the land, and have **prepared your heart to seek God.**”

<sup>4</sup> So Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the mountains of Ephraim, and **brought them back to the Lord God** of their fathers.

***4) Quick to repent and come back to Him***





# 2 Chro 20

<sup>3</sup> And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

<sup>4</sup> So Judah gathered together to ask help from the Lord; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord.

<sup>12</sup> O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You

***5) Keep our eyes on Him***



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# Salvation

- yeshû'âh
- yesh-oo'-aw
- **Feminine passive participle of H3467; something saved, that is, (abstractly) deliverance; hence aid, victory, prosperity: - deliverance, health, help (-ing), salvation, save, saving (health), welfare.**





# How should we position ourselves?

## POSITION:

1) Perspective (Eph 2:6, Isa 55:8-9)  
- We are seated with Him in the heavenly places (Higher perspective).

2) Organisation (1 Cor 12:12-27)  
- Time for God's people to come together in unity.

3) Strategy or tactics (Matt 16:15-20)  
- *"The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."*  
A defending or attacking position is different.

4) Intity (Ps 82:6, Gal 3:26-29, Rev 1:6)  
- We are sons of the Most High. Sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. King and priests to rule with Him.



Table 1-2: Tactics

Offensive tactics	Defensive tactics
Attack	Defence
Advance	Delay
Pursuit	Withdrawal

