

The New Testament Church
Revival #5: Revival under Asa and Jehoshaphat: Stand Still!
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2nd Chronicles 15:1-8; 17:1-6

I What is Revival and when does it Come?

- A. Revival means to come alive again – meaning we have grown cold and withered
- B. God uses dry hearts and a dark culture to produce desperation for hunger and thirst
 - 1. The revival of Enosh – first in the Bible – *calling on the name of the Lord*
 - 2. The revival of Jacob – *calling on God from a place of brokenness*
 - 3. The revival of Joseph – *God prepared him to preserve life and impact Egypt*
 - 4. The revival of Samuel – *There is always hope for revival begins in the heart and family!*

II The revival of Asa and Jehoshaphat – 1st Samuel 1-8

- A. Following Samuel... the children of Israel demanded a King
 - 1. Saul was little in his own eyes, then quite large and ended in ruin
 - 2. David was a man “after God’s own heart” – but could not build a temple for God
 - 3. Solomon was corrupted by foreign gods – multiplying wealth of government; but wise
 - 4. Then the kingdom splits with Rehoboam and Jeroboam, and then Abijah...
- B. Asa – 926 BC - 41 yrs – *Asa did what was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God*
 - 1. Idolatry (anything of soul or body ahead of God) was rampant, and perversity filled the land
 - 2. He banished the vile people from the land, tore down the idols, removed the high places
 - 3. He commanded Judah to observe the law, seek the Lord – and peace reigned for 35 years!
 - 4. When an Ethiopian army marched against Judah, with a million soldiers and 300 chariots...
Asa cried out to the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing for You to help... (14:11)
 - 5. He restored the altar of God and renewed the covenant! (2nd Chr. 15:1-8)
 - 6. Treaty with Syria and disease in his feet demonstrated areas of weakness and sin (16:7-13)
- C. Jehoshaphat – 873 BC – 25 years – *Now the Lord was with Jehoshaphat...*
 - 1. He walked in the ways of David as well as Asa, but in fortifying to advance the Kingdom
 - 2. A revival led to an awakening – teaching the Law in all the cities of Judah – 17:7-9
 - 3. An awakening led to a reformation – and the fear of God fell on surrounding nations – 17:10
 - 4. The building of fortresses and the paying of tribute from former enemies took place – 17:11
 - 5. Fortresses were built throughout the land – peace through strength – 17:12-13
 - 6. He also had ground troops ready to defend the land – a militia from the ground up – 17:14-19
 - 7. Joins Ahab for war – Micaiah warns against – Ahab disguised – Jehoshaphat rebuked - 18

III Stand Still – the continued revival under Jehoshaphat – increased reforms in the nation

- A. He traveled from the south to the north – “*encouraging people to return to the Lord*” – 19:4
 - 1. He appointed judges in every major city – 19:5
 - 2. He made sure that corrupt justice was removed – 19:6-11
- B. But with these reforms, he made enemies – and the Ammonite, Moabites and Edomites attacked
 - 1. He was outnumbered, with insurmountable odds – he called a national day of prayer – 20:3-4
 - 2. Jehoshaphat prays – 2nd Chr. 20:5-13 – *we (don’t) know what to do, but our eyes are on You.*
 - 3. The prophet Jahaziel (a musician), said (2nd Chr. 20:14-30)
 - a. The battle is not yours, but Gods
 - b. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord!
 - c. Jehoshaphat sent the singers out to worship in warfare
 - d. God sent confusion into the enemies camp and they killed each other!

Let us return to God in fasting and prayer, position ourselves under Him, stand and see Him win!