

# Lessons from the Divided Kingdom

## 1 & 2 Kings

Title:

Who Do YOU Turn To?

Scripture:

2 Kings 3:1-27

## **Theme:**

A victorious Christian life is NOT possible by trusting in human abilities or by partial obedience to the LORD, BUT by a total & complete trust in the Lord and in obeying His revealed word.

# Who Do YOU Turn To?

## I. A Partial Commitment (1-3)

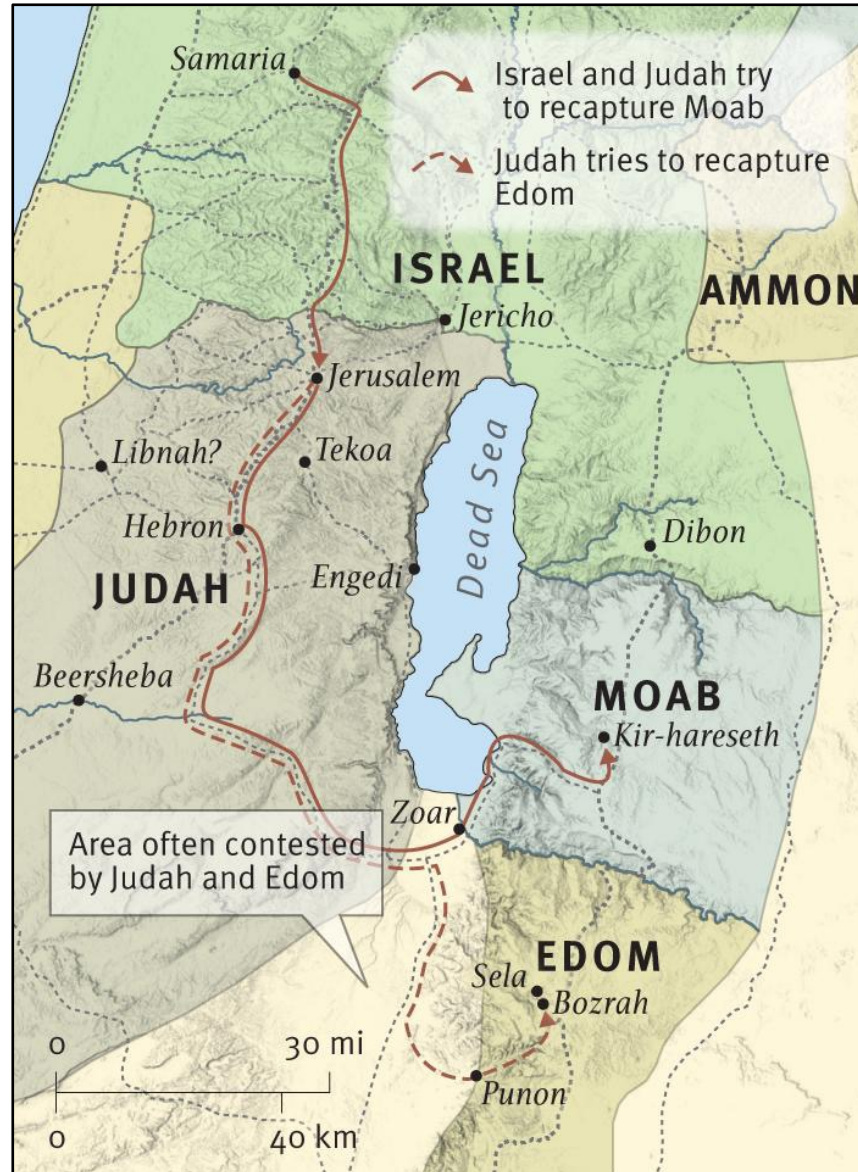
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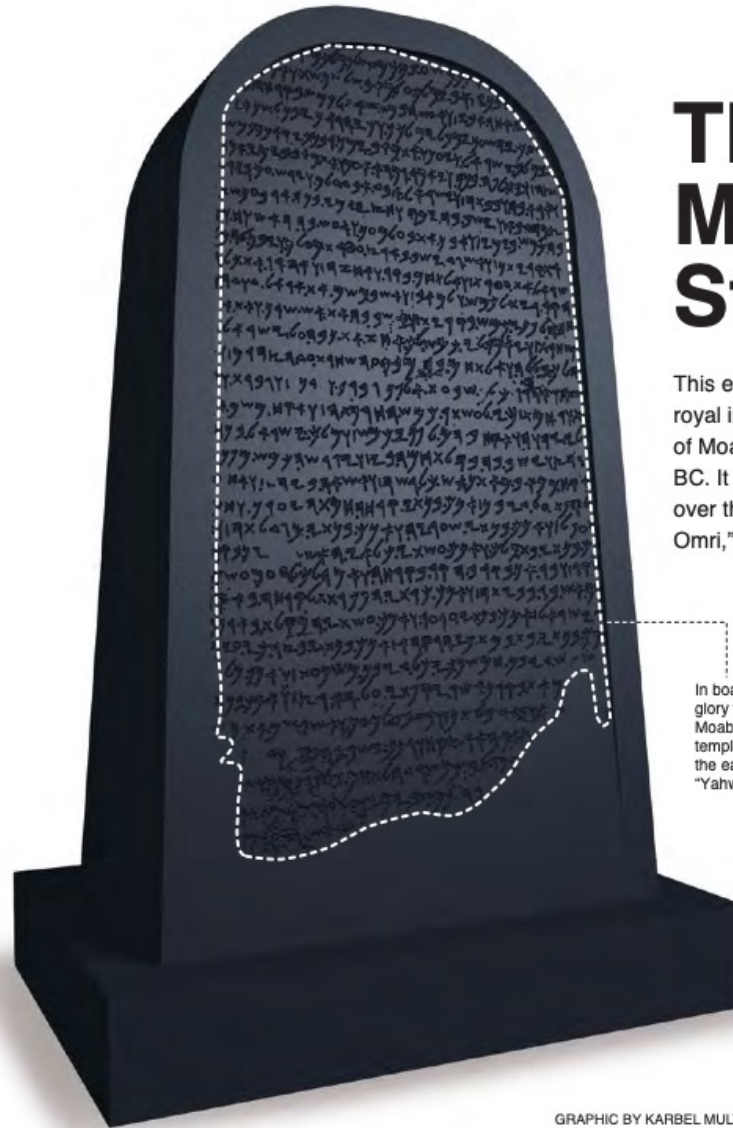
- ✓ As regards to following the LORD, there are NO partial commitments allowed

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# The Mesha Stele

This engraved stone contains a royal inscription by Mesha, king of Moab during the ninth century BC. It celebrates Mesha's victory over the "son [or descendant] of Omri," probably Joram (Jehoram).

In boasting of his victories, Mesha gives glory to Chemosh—the chief god of the Moabites—and describes his looting of the temple vessels of Judah. The stele contains the earliest known reference to the name "Yahweh" outside of the Old Testament.

The stele supports the biblical account of events during Joram's reign of Israel. Second Kings 3:21–27 describes the king of Moab offering his son as a sacrifice, after which "great wrath came upon Israel." On the stele, Mesha credits his god, Chemosh, as conquering his enemies.

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## III. A Rightly Placed Confidence (11-20)

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2. Seeking Deliverance from the LORD (13-15)

“That is a frightening implication: you can place yourself beyond the point of receiving direction or help from God. How might you know if you are in danger of doing that? Well, if your pattern is to seek God, like Jehoram, only for your convenience, so that you are trifling with God. You may be interested only in escape from trouble not in the path of discipleship. That was Jehoram. He wanted to use the word of God in the moment but not to submit to it long-term. Jehoramites view the word of God as something for emergency only, but not for normal days. God is simply the airbag in the disasters of life—which you hope you never have to use. If that is your pattern, you may be placing yourself beyond the help of God’s word. That is the alarming danger of the word of God.”

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3. Securing Deliverance from the LORD (16-20)

### Lesson / Application

- ✓ Jesus Christ is our Mediator (1 Tim. 2:5-6)
- ✓ Make sure you are NOT placing yourself beyond the word of God
- ✓ God is able to do exceedingly abundantly, above all we ask and think

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## IV. A Call For Full Commitment (21-27)

1. The Deception of the Moabites (21-23)
2. The Defeat of the Moabites (24-25)
3. The Diversion by the Moabites (26-27)

“Verse 27 is a picture of ‘seeking god’ in paganism. You have to coerce and manipulate—perhaps in the most costly way (cf. Micah 6:6–7). Even not very faithful Israelites are repulsed and horrified. Do you see the message for Israel here? It’s as if Yahweh says: ‘See where pagans go in their desperation? See where paganism leads? Do you savvy at all the matchless gift you have in a God who lives and hears and speaks and delivers without bribery?’ It’s as if the writer is pleading: ‘O Israel, do you realize the treasure that you have in Yahweh? You never need to resort to stuff like this.’ In Moab you can bash your head against the wall or sacrifice your son on it. Both are equally futile. But to Israel Yahweh has given prophets through whom one can receive the light and help one needs (see Deut. 18:15–22 in light of 18:9–14). Here is the easy yoke of the word of God. What a relief biblical religion is! If you don’t believe it, try paganism.”

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Lesson / Application

✓ Who are you turning to?

# Lessons / Application

1. With God, there are no partial commitments allowed.
2. Make sure you are NOT placing yourself beyond the word of God.
3. God is able to do exceedingly abundantly, above all we ask and think.
4. Christ is our mediator (1 Tim. 2:5-6)
5. Pray that God would make us men and women of conviction !

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