

Daily Devotion For March 2, 2022

Like many people around the world, my eyes have been fastened to the TV to watch the latest "Breaking News" of the unfolding events in Ukraine. Over the weekend, I saw as Christians gathered in churches, in subways, and in fields to unite their hearts in worship and prayer. I can only hope and pray that they will find delivery and victory as God showed to Jehoshaphat and the people of Israel in 2 Chronicles 20.

¹² Our God, will you not judge them? **For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."**

¹³ **All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the LORD.** ¹⁴ Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly.

¹⁵ He said: "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: **'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.** ¹⁶ **Tomorrow march down against them. They will be climbing up by the Pass of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the gorge in the Desert of Jeruel.** ¹⁷ **You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.'**"

¹⁸ Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and **all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD.** ¹⁹ **Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.**

²⁰ Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, **"Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful."** ²¹ After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his^[c] holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

**“Give thanks to the LORD,
for his love endures forever.”**

²² As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

Thought For Today and Today’s Prayer Focus: Do you see any similarities between the current events in Ukraine and how God defeated the Ammonites, Moabites and the people of Mt. Seir? What was the result when the people gathered together to worship and pray to God? Continue to pray for God’s Sovereign protection over Ukraine and that Russia will leave their country. Deo Volente.