I Have Found This Book I

2 Kgs. 22:1-20 2 Chronicles 28:1—34:33

I. Kings: Ahaz to Josiah

- A. 2 Chron. 28:1ff Ahaz: did not that which was right (reigned 16 years).
- B. 2 Chron. 29:1-2 Hezekiah: did that which was right (reigned 29 years).
- C. 2 Chron. 33:1 Manasseh: did that which was evil (reigned 55 years).
- D. 2 Chron. 33:21-22 Amon: did that which was evil...as did Manasseh and trespassed more and more (reigned 2 years).
- E. 2 Chron. 34:1-2 Josiah: did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah (reigned 31 years).

II. I Have Found This Book:

- A. 2 Chron. 34:14 The book of the law of Jehovah is found.
- B. 2 Chron. 34:15-18 Book brought to Josiah
- C. 2 Chron. 34:19-21 Josiah's response
- D. 2 Chron. 34:22-28 Jehovah's message to Josiah through Hulda the prophetess
- E. 2 Chron. 34:29-33 Josiah's immediate response.

And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of Jehovah."

Why did the king order the death of Zechariah? Because Zechariah charged the people with forsaking Jehovah, which was seen in their actions in transgressing the commandments of Jehovah: Anger, Wrath, Hatred and Malice generated against Zechariah due to his unwavering commitment to the word of God.

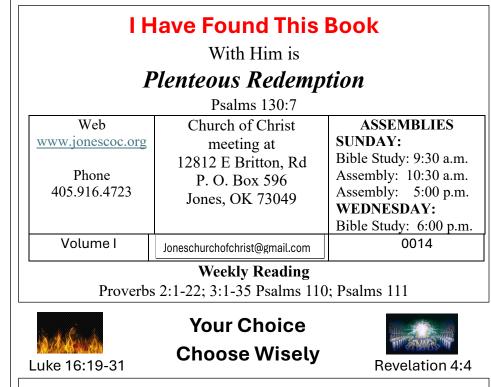
Times have changed, but motives have not. Behind every opposition to the speaking of the Word of God, is ... wait for it! False prophet and/or teachers: "But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their lascivious doings; by reason of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of. And in covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose sentence now from of old lingereth not, and their destruction slumbereth not." (2 Peter 2:1-3).

Therefore, beware: "For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. It is no great thing therefore if his ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works" (2 Cor. 11:13-15). Ret

Yea, even when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not, Until I have declared thy strength unto the next generation, Thy might to everyone that is to come (Psalm 71:18).

bare witness against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did curse God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him to death with stones. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead. And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it" (1 Kgs. 21:8-16).

The consequences of the actions of Ahab and Jezebel: "And the word of Jehovah came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who dwelleth in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to take possession of it. And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, Hast thou killed and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine. And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee, because thou hast sold thyself to do that which is evil in the sight of Jehovah. Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will utterly sweep thee away and will cut off from Ahab every man-child, and him that is shut up and him that is left at large in Israel: and I will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and hast made Israel to sin. And of Jezebel also spake Jehovah, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the rampart of Jezreel. Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat: and him that dieth in the field shall the birds of the heavens eat" (1 Kgs. 21:17-24). ret



Anger, Wrath, Hatred and Malice

As Bible readers, and individuals that have confidence that their faith and actions are without reproach and acceptable to God, the idea that such a heart would reside in the "believer" is beyond the imagination. So, what could possibly stir up these emotions, and subsequent actions in the professing of Christ, as a follower of Christ, and boldly wear the name "Christian"? Let's take a look.

Zechariah

2 Chron. 24:20-21 — The son of Jehoiada: "stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of Jehovah, so that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken Jehovah, he hath also forsaken you.