

So her daughter was a woman who in many respects followed in the footsteps of her mother and who inherited not the weak character of her father but the strong character of her mother. This woman Athaliah married the son of Jehoshaphat. When ~~Jehoshaphat~~ Jehoshaphat, the good king died, his son Jehoram who succeeded him, reigned in wickedness for the eight years that he lived after he became king. Not only did it mean terrific harm to Judah during the life of the son of Jehoshaphat but it meant that after his death when his son reigned the queen's mother who always exerted a good deal of ~~power~~ power in ~~ancient~~ ancient kingdoms. The queen's mother was this wicked woman. Now, of course, you remember one case of the queen's mother earlier in the history of Judah who had been deposed by her son ~~through~~^{for} her wickedness from being the king's mother. In this case evidently Athaliah died at her time and she was able to exert some influence during the reign of Athaliah--how much we don't know, but when Ahaziah was killed, then she had absolute control for a period and it might easily have destroyed Judah as far as their loyalty to God was concerned. So terrible results came to Judah from the alliance of Jehoshaphat with the wicked king Ahab. ~~But~~ God blesses the one who trusts God and does not seek by human expedience to serve Him. That doesn't mean that expediency is wrong, not at all. God desires us to ~~work~~ work out expedience for the advancement of His kingdom, but He does not desire us to work out evil expedience for the advancement of His kingdom. He does not desire us to make alliance with that which is evil. I am sure that whatever ~~is~~ good the United Nations may accomplish is far more than offset by the evil that comes to ~~the~~ the United States and the Lord from the alliance which it involves between a nation founded on the principles of truth and righteousness and a nation which is founded upon the denial of God and which denies all morality in ~~its~~ its constitution as does the Soviet Russia. in its government. I don't mean the Russian people, of course, who are as fine a people