

# JEHOSHAPHAT'S SECRET WEAPON

When King Jehoshaphat faced the combined armies of Moab, Ammon and Edom, he proclaimed a national fast and begged for God's help.

"We have no power against this great multitude," he prayed, "nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You" (2 Chronicles 20:12).

A prophet named Jahaziel gave this reply: "Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's" (verse 15).

It was then that Jehoshaphat realized he had a secret weapon. He appointed choirs to go before the armies of Judah. With all their hearts, these royal musicians sang and praised God for His assured victory.

As this unlikely vanguard neared the battlefield, the Lord threw their enemies into confusion, and Judah won the battle – not with soldiers, but with songs.

The author of the Book of Chronicles generally praises Jehoshaphat's reign, stating that the kingdom enjoyed a great measure of peace and prosperity, the blessing of God resting on the people "in their basket and their store."

How often we need to echo Jehoshaphat's prayer! Sometimes there are problems we can't solve. Sometimes the pressures we are facing are beyond us. Sometimes the challenges in front of us seem indomitable and overwhelming.

"Oh, Lord," you can pray, "I don't know what to do, but my eyes are on You."

Praise is the Christian's secret weapon. Satan is allergic to praise; he can't remain where God is being glorified.

*And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were smitten (2 Chronicles 20:22 NIV).*

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