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2 Chronicles 20:1-4

¹ After this, the Moabites and Ammonites with some of the Meunites came to wage war against Jehoshaphat.

2 Chronicles 20:1-4

² Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, “A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazezon Tamar” (that is, En Gedi).

2 Chronicles 20:1-4

³ Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah.

2 Chronicles 20:1-4

⁴ The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.



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1. Invitation to prayer

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2 Chronicles 20:5-11

⁵ Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem at the temple of the Lord in the front of the new courtyard ⁶ and said:

2 Chronicles 20:5-11

“Lord, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you.

2 Chronicles 20:5-11

⁷ Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend?

2 Chronicles 20:5-11

⁸ They have lived in it and have built in it a sanctuary for your Name, saying, ⁹ 'If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague or famine,

2 Chronicles 20:5-11

we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you in our distress, and you will hear us and save us.'

2 Chronicles 20:5-11

¹⁰ “But now here are men from Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir, whose territory you would not allow Israel to invade when they came from Egypt;

2 Chronicles 20:5-11

so they turned away from them and did not destroy them. ¹¹ See how they are repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession you gave us as an inheritance.



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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.”



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2 Chronicles 20:13-17

¹³ All the men of Judah, with their wives and children and little ones, stood there before the Lord.

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¹⁴ Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel,

2 Chronicles 20:13-17

the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly.

2 Chronicles 20:13-17

¹⁵ He said: “Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you:

2 Chronicles 20:13-17

‘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.

2 Chronicles 20:13-17

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.

2 Chronicles 20:13-17

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.

2 Chronicles 20:13-17

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.
Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord
will be with you.”



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1. Invitation to **prayer**
2. Invitation to **listen**



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2 Chronicles 20:18-21

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.

2 Chronicles 20:18-21

¹⁹ Then some Levites from the Kohathites and Korahites stood up and praised the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

2 Chronicles 20:18-21

²⁰ Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said,

2 Chronicles 20:18-21

“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.”

2 Chronicles 20:18-21

²¹ After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying:

2 Chronicles 20:18-21

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



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2 Chronicles 20:22-24

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.

2 Chronicles 20:22-24

²³ The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them.

2 Chronicles 20:22-24

After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

2 Chronicles 20:22-24

²⁴ When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped.



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