

~JEHOSHAPHAT, LOW PLAIN OF (223)

- Evidently a symbolic place, also called, **the low plain of the decision**.
- I will also collect together all the nations and bring them down to the **low plain of Jehoshaphat**, and I will put myself on judgment with them there on account of my people and my inheritance Israel, whom they scattered among the nations, and they apportioned out my own land. (**Joel 3:2**)
- Crowds, crowds are in the **low plain of the decision**, for the day of Yehowah is near in the **low plain of the decision**. (**Joel 3:14**)
- Since it relates to God's execution of judgment, it is appropriately designated as, the low plain of **Jehoshaphat**, for the name Jehoshaphat means, **Yehowah Is Judge**.
- Also, during Jehoshaphat's reign Yehowah delivered Judah and Jerusalem from the combined forces of Ammon, Moab, and the mountainous region of Seir, causing the enemy forces to become confused and to slaughter one another.
- And it came about afterward that the sons of Moab and the sons of Ammon and with them some of the Ammonim came against Jehoshaphat in war. (**2 Chronicles 20:1**)
- So people came and told **Jehoshaphat**, saying; There has come against you a large crowd from the region of the sea, from Edom, and there they are in Hazazon-tamar, that is to say, En-gedi. (**2 Chronicles 20:2**)
- At that Jehoshaphat became afraid and set his face to search for Yehowah. So he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. (**2 Chronicles 20:3**)
- Eventually those of Judah were collected together to inquire of Yehowah. Even from all the cities of Judah they came to consult Yehowah. (**2 Chronicles 20:4**)
- Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the congregation of Judah and of Jerusalem in the house of Yehowah before the new courtyard. (**2**

Chronicles 20:5)

- **And he proceeded to say; O Yehowah the God of our forefathers, are you not God in the heavens, and are you not dominating over all the kingdoms of the nations, and are there not in your hand power and mightiness, with no one to hold his ground against you? (2 Chronicles 20:6)**
- **Did not you yourself, O God of ours, drive away the inhabitants of this land from before your people Israel and then give it to the seed of Abraham, your lover, to time indefinite? (2 Chronicles 20:7)**
- **And they took up dwelling in it, and they proceeded to build in it for you a sanctuary for your name, saying; (2 Chronicles 20:8)**
- **If there should come upon us calamity, sword, adverse judgment, or pestilence or famine, let us stand before this house and before you, for your name is in this house, that we may call to you for aid out of our distress, and may you hear and save. (2 Chronicles 20:9)**
- **And now here the sons of Ammon, and Moab and the mountainous region of Seir, whom you did not allow Israel to invade when they were coming out of the land of Egypt, but they turned away from them and did not annihilate them. (2 Chronicles 20:10)**
- **Yes, here they are rewarding us by coming in to drive us out from your possession that you caused us to possess. (2 Chronicles 20:11)**
- **O our God, will you not execute judgment upon them? For in us there is no power before this large crowd that is coming against us, and we ourselves do not know what we ought to do, but our eyes are toward you. (2 Chronicles 20:12)**
- **All the while all those of Judah were standing before Yehowah, even their little ones, their wives and their sons. (2 Chronicles 20:13)**
- **Now as for Jahaziel the son of Zechariah the son of Benaiah the son of Jeiel the son of Mattaniah the Levite of the sons of Asaph, the spirit of Yehowah came to be upon him in the middle of the**

congregation. (2 Chronicles 20:14)

- Consequently he said; Pay attention, all Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat! Here is what Yehowah has said to you, Do not you be afraid or be terrified because of this large crowd, for the battle is not yours, but God's. (2 Chronicles 20:15)
- Tomorrow go down against them. There they are coming up by the pass of Ziz, and you will be certain to find them at the end of the torrent valley in front of the wilderness of Jeruel. (2 Chronicles 20:16)
- You will not need to fight in this instance. Take your position, stand still and see the salvation of Yehowah in your behalf. O Judah and Jerusalem, do not be afraid or be terrified. Tomorrow go out against them, and Yehowah will be with you. (2 Chronicles 20:17)
- At once Jehoshaphat bowed low with his face to the earth, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem themselves fell down before Yehowah to do obeisance to Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 20:18)
- Then the Levites of the sons of the Kohathites and of the sons of the Korahites rose up to praise Yehowah the God of Israel with an extraordinarily loud voice. (2 Chronicles 20:19)
- And they proceeded to rise early in the morning and go out to the wilderness of Tekoa. And as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood up and then said; Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem! Put faith in Yehowah your God that you may prove yourselves of long duration. Put faith in his prophets and so prove successful. (2 Chronicles 20:20)
- Further, he took counsel with the people and stationed singers to Yehowah and those offering praise in holy adornment as they went out ahead of the armed men, and saying; Give praise to Yehowah, for to time indefinite is his loving-kindness. (2 Chronicles 20:21)
- And at the time that they started off with the joyful cry and praise, Yehowah set men in ambush against the sons of Ammon, Moab and the mountainous region of Seir who were coming into

Judah, and they went smiting one another. (2 Chronicles 20:22)

- **And the sons of Ammon and Moab proceeded to stand up against the inhabitants of the mountainous region of Seir to devote them to destruction and annihilate them, and as soon as they finished with the inhabitants of Seir, they helped each one to bring his own fellow to ruin. (2 Chronicles 20:23)**
- **But as for Judah, it came to the watchtower of the wilderness. When they turned their faces toward the crowd, why, there they were, their carcasses fallen to the earth without anyone escaping. (2 Chronicles 20:24)**
- **So Jehoshaphat and his people came to plunder the spoil on them, and they got to find among them in abundance both goods and clothing and desirable articles, and they went stripping them off for themselves until they could carry no more. And it came to be three days that they were plundering the spoil, for it was abundant. (2 Chronicles 20:25)**
- **And on the fourth day they congregated together at the low plain of Beracah, for there they blessed Yehowah. That is why they called the name of that place Low Plain of Beracah, until today. (2 Chronicles 20:26)**
- **Then all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned, with Jehoshaphat at their head, to return to Jerusalem with rejoicing, for Yehowah had made them rejoice over their enemies. (2 Chronicles 20:27)**
- **So they came to Jerusalem with stringed instruments and with harps and with trumpets to the house of Yehowah. (2 Chronicles 20:28)**
- **And the dread of God came to be upon all the kingdoms of the lands when they heard that Yehowah had fought against the enemies of Israel. (2 Chronicles 20:29)**
- **At the symbolic, low plain of Jehoshaphat; Yehowah judges the nations as worthy of execution on account of their mistreatment of his people. The low plain itself serves as a huge symbolic winepress for crushing the nations like bunches of grapes.**

- To link **the low plain of Jehoshaphat** literally with the Kidron Valley, the Valley of Hinnom, or the Valley of Jezreel, as some have done, is hardly plausible. None of these valleys would be large enough to accommodate **all** the nations.
- For, look! In those days and in that time, when I shall bring back the captive ones of Judah and Jerusalem. (**Joel 3:1**)
- I will also collect together all the nations and bring them down to the low plain of Jehoshaphat, and I will put myself on judgment with them there on account of my people and my inheritance Israel, whom they scattered among the nations, and they apportioned out my own land. (**Joel 3:2**)
- And for my people they kept casting lots, and they would give the male child for a prostitute, and the female child they sold for wine, that they might drink. (**Joel 3:3**)
- Let the nations be aroused and come up to the low plain of Jehoshaphat, for there I shall sit in order to judge all the nations round about. (**Joel 3:12**)
- Thrust in a sickle, for harvest has grown ripe. Come, descend, for the winepress has become full. The press vats actually overflow, for **their badness has become abundant**. (**Joel 3:13**)
- Crowds, crowds are in the **low plain of the decision**, for the day of Yehowah is near in the **low plain of the decision**. (**Joel 3:14**)
- And still another angel emerged from the altar and he had authority over the fire. And he called out with a loud voice to the one that had the sharp sickle, saying; Put your sharp sickle in and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, because its grapes have become ripe. (**Revelation 14:18**)
- And the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and he hurled it into the great winepress of the anger of God. (**Revelation 14:19**)
- And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress as high up as the bridles of the horses, for a distance of a thousand six hundred furlongs. (**Revelation 14:20**)