

Ditch Diggers!

- 2Ki 3:16 And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches.
2Ki 3:17 For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.
2Ki 3:18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.
- Isa 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.
Isa 43:20 The beast of the field shall honor me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

Moabites: Incestuous offspring from Lot and his daughter.

- King of Edom: Red – descendants of Esau
King of Israel: Jehoram (Jehovah raised)- Ahab's son, caused Israel to sin and would not stop. He did take down the image of Baal. (that Ahab and Jezebel had put up)
Judah: Jehoshaphat - Jehovah has judged – a good king, prosperous, and pious -

There were 3 kings – 3 is the number of salvation –

They had gone to war and traveled through the land of Edom for 7 days, they were in trouble, it was a dry, desert place, no water and they believed God was at this plan to destroy them and put into the hands of Moab.

But one king, Jehoshaphat asked is there not a prophet that we can inquire of for the word of the Lord. Elisha was there –

Elisha would not have talked or seen the kings if it had not been that he had regard for Jehoshaphat.
Why did he regard Jehoshaphat? – He was a man of God.

Ver 15 - First thing the Elisha did was he called for a minstrel. (praise and worship)
Then the hand of the Lord moved on Elisha.

He then spoke forth, two things –

First thing: Dig this valley full of ditches

Second: There would be no wind, and norain, but there would be water in the valley and in the ditches to supply all that they needed. It would come forth.

Third: They would defeat the Moabites. It was an easy thing for the Lord.

Ditches: to dig, a well, a place that was dug. A long narrow excavation dug in the earth (as for drainage (reminds me of the straight and narrow way – it is in the earth, speaks of the dirt, - drainage – to allow something in, or to allow something out.

Prepare by faith the place to hold the water. For God would supernaturally bring the water (life) into the valley.

Dig: to break up, turn, or loosen the earth, to prepare the soil, to bring to the surface by digging : UNEARTH
to bring to light or out of hiding, to hollow out or form by removing earth : EXCAVATE *dig a hole*

Digged again: Isa Issac redug the ancient wells of his Father and used the same names his Father used.

Dry river bed – the water has stopped flowing – no water

Widen the river bed and make off shoots so that water can go out from the main river to supply all that is needed.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS:

What does it take to dig the ditches? - What is involved?

PREPARE THE GROUND – WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

EACH TIME WE TALK ABOUT, PRAY ABOUT THE COMING MOVE OF God WE ARE DIGGING DITCHES TO HOLD THE WATER OF THE LORD.

HAS IT NOT BEEN A DRY AND PARCHED LAND –

HAS NOT THE ENEMY BEEN THERE AND READY TO DESTROY.

HAVE WE NOT SOUGHT THE PROPHET OUT TO HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD.

1. TO HEAR THE WORD WE MUST START WITH WORSHIP – WORSHIP TO AND OF God.
THEN God SPEAKS –

2. WE HAVE BEEN DIGGING DITCHES FOR THE WATER –
God SAID THE WATER WOULD COME FROM EDMON.

3. AND IN THE MORNING AFTER THE MEAT OFFERING –
We must always be ready to bring our offering our sacrifice to the Lord. Deliverance always follows our obedience. -

4. THE WATER CAME. THE COUNTRY WAS FILLED WITH WATER – ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE AND ALL THE ANIMALS AS WELL.

The water was supernaturally given – just like the Holy Spirit is given supernaturally after Jesus death. He was the morning sacrifice.

5. THEN THE ENEMY ATTACKED AND WERE SORELY WHIPPED!

We need to worship, we need to dig deep, make a place for the water that is coming

The water speaks of the living water that will flow from our bellies

The water speaks of the people that are coming in strength.

We need to dig, study, learn, speak, prophesy the word, get grounded in the word.

We need to dig much ditches (places to hold the water) fill the land (our lives) with places to hold the water.

We are to look no where but to God for the coming move – Trust and full faith, genuine faith.

Then we are to bring our sacrificial offering unto the Lord. Our best gifts.

Then the water will flow.