

DUNE DIGGERS

- II Kings 3:16

When God says to dig ditches in the desert we better listen

I. KINGS IN THE DESERT (1-9)

A. A REBELLION (1-5)

1. Israel's new king Jehoram (1-3)
2. Moab's defiant king Mesha (4-5)

B. AN ALLIANCE (6-8)

1. Their Partnership (6-7)
2. Their Plan (8)
 - a. Attack Moab from the south
 - b. There was more risk for it involved a march through the desert
 - c. By doing this they pick up Edom's support for their attack

C. A PROBLEM (9)

1. No water
2. The oases and river beds were unexpectedly dried up
3. There may be an indication here that this march was put together hastily

II. DECISIONS IN THE DESERT (10-15)

A. BLAME GOD: Jehoram (10)

1. He despairs
2. He gives up
3. He accuses

B. ASK GOD: Jehoshaphat (11a)

1. He desires to inquire of the Lord
2. He discontinues his disastrous decisions
 - a. Neglect of duty should not encourage its continuance
 - b. Here he gets it right
3. He understands that sin has consequences – there is no water

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- C. SEEK GOD: Elisha (11b -15)
1. A servant's suggestion (11b)
 2. Elisha's reputation (12a)
 3. Elisha's rebuke (13)
 4. Elisha's response (14)
 5. Elisha's request (15)

III. **REVELATION IN THE DESERT** (16-19)

A. GOD'S COMMANDS (16, 19)

1. Dig (16)
 - a. They had to work
 - b. They had to obey
2. Attack (19)

B. GOD'S CONCLUSIONS

1. You will have water (17-18a)
2. You will have victory (18b)
 - God promised something about which they had not asked

IV. **WATER IN THE DESERT** (20-27)

A. THE MIRACLE (20)

- Water without wind or rain (17)

B. THE MOABITES (21-25)

1. Deceived (21-23)
2. Defeated (24-25)

C. THE MISERY (26-27)

1. A desperate king [Mesha - v. 4]
2. A disturbed conqueror (27b)

CONCLUSION: What can you do in a desert?

- Mess up ... Seek God ... Watch God work

Israel learned this over and over again during their wilderness experiences with Moses

We too can discover God amid life's deserts!

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