

2 Chronicles 18-19:3 • Making Unholy Alliances

Part One: How Alliances Are Made

1. (v.1-3) We allow **feelings** or **relationships** to supersede **God's Word** to the contrary
 - a. We allow a single, **common issue** to become more important than all the other **differences**.
 - b. It always **sounds** spiritual, noble, and right.
2. False alliances are built on spiritual **seduction**.
3. (v.4-13) Satan tries to overwhelm the one **true messenger** with hundreds of **false messengers**.
4. False messengers tell you what you **want** to hear; true messengers tell you what you **need** to hear.
5. The core issue is really **God's Word** and the effort to suppress it.

Part Two: God's Phases of Judgment

1. Phase 1: God ceases to **correct**.
2. Phase 2: God removes **real leadership**.
3. Phase 3: God sends **a delusion**. (2 Th. 2:11-12)
4. Anyone who doesn't love the truth of God's Word does not love **Jesus**. (Jn. 14:15)

Part Three: False Believers' True Agenda

1. Step 1: Gain **credibility** and **protection** they can never get on their own.
2. Step 2: Establish a **fall guy** for their agenda.
3. Step 3: Make someone else the **target**.

Part Four: God's Work with Believers in Such Situations

1. (19:1-3) Nothing short of God's **intervention** will save.
 - a. You might escape with your life, but there will be no **victory**.
2. (20:35-37) Not learning and repeating this mistake will lead to experiencing God's **judgment** and **personal loss**.
3. God provides protection from the outset through **His Word**. We experience the consequences of rejecting **His Word** for feelings and relationships that seem or feel right instead.