

Micaiah Prophecies against Ahab - 1 Kings 22:1-53

Topics: Achievements, Children, Death, Deceit, Dishonesty, Evil, Faithfulness, Families, Giving Up, God's Will, Guidance, Hatred, History, Humiliation, Idolatry, Instructions, Insults, Integrity, Lying, Partnerships, Peace, Prophecy, Questions, Righteousness, Sacrifice, Success, Swearing, Truth, Unity, Victory, War

Open It

1. When have you been asked for an opinion and you knew what answer the questioner wanted to hear?
- * 2. Why do we sometimes insist on following through on our plans even when we've received good advice against it?

Explore It

3. How had affairs changed between the rival kingdoms of Israel and Judah? (22:1-3)
4. What was bothering the king of Israel? (22:3)
5. What favor did the king of Israel ask of the king of Judah? (22:4)
- * 6. What one condition did Jehoshaphat impose before he went into battle with Ahab? (22:4-5)
7. What was the unanimous counsel of the four hundred prophets? (22:6)
- * 8. What did Jehoshaphat find lacking in the advice of the prophets? (22:7)
- * 9. What did Ahab tell Jehoshaphat about the one remaining prophet of the Lord? (22:8)
10. Where were the two kings when Micaiah was summoned before them? (22:10-12)
11. How did the messenger who summoned Micaiah advise him to counsel the kings? (22:13)
12. What one criterion did Micaiah use to determine what he would say? (22:14)
13. What was the first answer that Micaiah gave to Ahab? (22:15)
14. How did Micaiah's message change when the king insisted he wanted the truth? (22:16-17)
15. What story did Micaiah tell about a consultation in heaven? (22:19-23)
16. What did Ahab decide to do with Micaiah while he went to war? (22:26-27)
17. How did the two kings dress when they went into battle against Ramoth Gilead? (22:29-30)
18. Why did Jehoshaphat narrowly miss being killed in battle? (22:31-33)
19. How was Ahab wounded in spite of the fact that he had concealed his identity? (22:34)
20. How did the armies of Israel and Judah react when they heard of Ahab's death? (22:36)
21. Although Ahab was given a king's burial, how was the prophecy against him fulfilled anyway? (22:37-38)
22. What kind of king was Jehoshaphat? (22:41-44)
23. What were some of Jehoshaphat's accomplishments and failures? (22:43-50)
24. How was Ahaziah like his father Ahab? (22:51-53)

Get It

25. What are the indications that Jehoshaphat respected God?
26. What might have been the tone of Micaiah's voice when he first gave the answer he knew Ahab wanted to hear?
- * 27. Why would someone totally ignore God's revealed will and do what he or she wants anyway?
28. How had Ahab's advisors changed the definition of "prophet" from what Micaiah understood it to be?
- * 29. How can we conduct our lives in such a way that we are not expecting God to "rubber stamp" all of our goals and desires?
30. What can we learn from the fact that even Ahab knew that Micaiah alone was a prophet of the living God?
31. What purpose is there in a believer taking a stand for the truth even when he or she is ignored?
32. How did Ahab take advantage of Jehoshaphat's desire for peace and cooperation?

33. What are the pros and cons of trusting someone who has demonstrated scorn for God's wisdom?
34. When, if ever, do you think Ahab realized that his prophets had been lying?
35. As far as we know from this account, what became of the prophet Micaiah?

Apply It

36. How can you pray so that you will be ready to represent God's Word even when it is unpopular with those around you?
37. Before you act on a significant decision you now face, how should you pray?
- * 38. What can you do to be receptive the next time someone wisely advises you to not do something that you really want to do?