

11 – AHAB'S DEATH (1 KINGS 22:1-40; 2 CHRONICLES 18:1-19:1)

I. The Alliance with Jehoshaphat (1 Kings 22:1-4; 2 Chronicles 18:1-3)

- In the third year of peace between Israel and Syria, Jehoshaphat visited Ahab.
- Ahab told Jehoshaphat that Ramoth Gilead is theirs but they hesitate to take it back.
- Ahab asked if Jehoshaphat would go with him to take back Ramoth Gilead.
- Jehoshaphat affirmed the kinship between Israel and Judah.

II. Ahab's Prophets (1 Kings 22:5-12; 2 Chronicles 18:4-11)

- Ahab gathered 400 prophets together and asked if he should take Ramoth Gilead.
- The prophets proclaimed that he should go because the Lord has delivered it to him.
- Jehoshaphat asked if there was no a prophet of Lord in Samaria to ask.
- Ahab said there was still Micaiah who has prophesied evil not good things about him.
- Ahab said that he hated him and Jehoshaphat said the king should not say such things.
- Ahab called for Micaiah to be brought quickly to them as they sat on their thrones.
- Zedekiah made horns of iron and said that Ahab would gore the Syrians with them.
- Ahab's prophets told him to take Ramoth Gilead for the Lord has given it to him.

III. The Prophet Micaiah (1 Kings 22:13-28; 2 Chronicles 18:12-27)

- The messenger told Micaiah to speak words of encouragement as the others prophets did.
- Micaiah stated that whatever the Lord says to him, he will speak to the king.
- When he came to the king, Ahab asked if they should go to war against Ramoth Gilead.
- Micaiah sarcastically told Ahab to go and take it because the Lord has given it to him.
- Ahab asked how many times has he told him to speak only the truth in the Lord's name.
- Micaiah then said he saw all Israel scattered on the mountains without a leader.
- The Lord stated that these have no master and let them return to their houses in peace.
- Ahab then exclaimed to Jehoshaphat that this prophet only speaks evil not good.

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- Micaiah then said he saw the Lord on his throne asking who will persuade Ahab to go.
- A spirit came forward and said that he would go and persuade Ahab to go.
- The spirit said that he will be a lying spirit to the prophets of Ahab.
- Micaiah said that the Lord has put a lying spirit in these prophets.
- The Lord did this because he has declared disaster against Ahab.
- Zedekiah struck Micaiah on the cheek and asked where the spirit went from him to Micaiah.
- Micaiah then said that Zedekiah will see this spirit when he is hiding in his inner chamber.
- Ahab commanded that Micaiah be taken back to prison and afflicted until he returns in peace.
- Micaiah then said if Ahab returns, then the Lord has not spoken by him.
- Micaiah then told the people to take heed to the words that he had spoken.

IV. The Battle at Ramoth Gilead (1 Kings 22:29-40; 2 Chronicles 18:28-19:1)

- Ahab told Jehoshaphat that he will disguise himself as Jehoshaphat goes in his royal robes.
- The king of Syria told his troops to not fight anyone except the King of Israel.
- On the battle field, the Syrians thought Jehoshaphat was the King of Israel and pursued him.
- Jehoshaphat cried out and the Syrians turned back when they saw he was not Ahab.
- A Syrian archer randomly shot his bow and struck the Ahab between his armor.
- Ahab called for his men to take him from the battle since he was wounded.
- The battle with the Syrians increased and Ahab died in his chariot.
- As evening approached, the cry went out for every man to return to his home.
- They brought Ahab's body to Samaria and he was buried there.
- Someone washed out Ahab's chariot and the dogs licked up his blood as the Lord had said.
- The writer tells the reader where the record of Ahab's rule was written.
- When Ahab died, his son Ahaziah became king.
- Jehoshaphat returned safely to his home in Jerusalem.