

I KINGS 22; May 31; Ahab Slain by a Chance Arrow

ANALYSIS:

1. Which kings of Israel _____ and of Judah _____ attempted to retake what city _____ from Syria?
2. What was the difference between Ahab's prophet's and the LORD'S prophet Micaiah's prediction concerning Ahab if he goes to battle against Syria? _____

3. Who served the LORD by persuading Ahab to go to battle against Syria? _____
4. How was Ahab killed in the battle? _____
5. How is Jehoshaphat's reign as king of Judah summarized?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Why did Micaiah at first prophecy that Ahab would win in the battle with Syria (v 15)? How did Ahab know to charge Micaiah to tell him only the truth (v 16)? What was the truth regarding Ahab in this upcoming battle (v 17)?

When asking the LORD for guidance, let us be fully willing to do His revealed will. We can find instruction from our Lord who prayed, "nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Mt 26:39); "if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done" (Mt 26:42). Asking counsel from godly spiritual friends (pastor, parent, respected elders) can give you a great advantage in difficult decisions. "He that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise" (Pro 12:15). "Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war" (Pro 20:18).

HELP:

1. Ahab, Jehoshaphat, Ramoth in Gilead (v 2, 20).
2. Ahab's prophets, represented by Zedekiah, said "Go up and prosper" (vs 6, 11-12). Micaiah said he saw Israel without a shepherd, meaning Ahab would be slain (v 17).
3. An angelic spirit from before the LORD became a "lying spirit" in the mouth of his prophets to persuade Ahab to go into the battle (vs 20-23).
4. Although Ahab disguised himself in the battle, "a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king" with the arrow striking him through the joints of his armour so he bled to death (vs 30, 34-35).
5. He reigned 25 years in Jerusalem, he walked in all the ways of his father Asa, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, nevertheless the high places were not taken away, he made peace with Ahab, he removed the remnant of the sodomites (vs 42-44, 46).