

Lesson 9

Ahab Reigns Over Israel – Part 2
(1 Kings 20:1 – 22:40; 2 Chronicles 18:1-34)

Questions

1. What did Ben-hadad (king of Syria) do at Samaria and how did Ahab respond to him (1 K. 20:1-6)?
2. How did Ahab respond to Ben-hadad's second request (1 K. 20:7-12)?
3. What was Ahab told by a prophet (1 K. 20:13-15)?
4. What happened when Ahab's army attacked the Syrians (1 K. 20:16-21)?
5. What did the servant's of Ben-hadad advise him to do concerning fighting Israel again (1 K. 20:22-25)?
6. What happened to the Syrian army at Aphek (1 K. 20:26-30)?
7. What covenant (condition, treaty) was made between Ben-hadad and Ahab (1 K. 20:31-34)?
8. What was Ahab rebuked for doing by one of the sons of the prophets (1 K. 20:35-43)?
9. What did Ahab want and how did he act when his request was denied (1 K. 21:1-4)?

10. What was Jezebel's plan to get what her husband wanted (1 K. 21:5-16)?

11. What judgment from the Lord did Elijah pronounce upon Ahab and Jezebel for their sins (1 K. 21:17-24)?

12. How was Ahab described (1 K. 21:25-26; compare with 1 K. 16:30-33)?

13. What did Ahab do when he heard the words of Elijah and what did the Lord say about it (1 K. 21:27-29)?

14. What did Ahab and Jehoshaphat (king of Judah) decide to do together (1 K. 22:1-4; 2 Chron. 18:1-3)?

15. What did the prophets tell Ahab and Jehoshaphat concerning their plans (1 K. 22:5-12; 2 Chron. 18:4-11)?

16. What did Micaiah tell Ahab (1 K. 22:13-23; 2 Chron. 18:12-22)?

17. What happened to Micaiah for telling Ahab the truth (1 K. 22:24-28; 2 Chron. 18:23-27)?

18. How did Ahab try to avoid being killed in battle with the Syrians and how did he die (1 K. 22:29-36; 2 Chron. 18:28-34)?

19. How did Jehoshaphat avoid being killed (2 Chron. 18:31)?

20. What word of the Lord was fulfilled when Ahab's body was brought back to Samaria (1 K. 22:37-40)?

Digging Deeper

1. How many kings named Ben-hadad are mentioned in the OT (1 K. 20:1)? What are we told about Ben-hadad in the books of Jeremiah and Amos?

2. What do the words of Ben-hadad in 1 Kings 20:10 mean and what do the words of Ahab in 1 Kings 20:11 mean?

3. What OT law(s) would Naboth have violated had he given his inheritance away to Ahab (1 K. 21:3-4)?

4. Where in 1 Kings is the Lord's judgment of Ahab fulfilled (1 K. 21:19)? Where in 2 Kings is the Lord's judgment against Ahab repeated (1 K. 21:21-22)? Where in 2 Kings is the Lord's judgment against Ahab and Jezebel fulfilled (1 K. 21:23; see also 1 K. 21:29)?

5. Where in 1 Kings had the Lord already judged the houses of Jeroboam and Baasha (1 K. 21:22)? Where are words similar to 1 Kings 21:24 found earlier in 1 Kings?

6. How is Micaiah's first response to Ahab best described (1 K. 22:15)?

7. What did Micah the prophet say about Ahab (Mic. 6:16)?

8. Locate on a map the following places: Aphek (1 K. 20:26), Jezreel (1 K. 21:1), and Ramoth-gilead (1 K. 22:3, 6, 29).

Applications for Today

1. Don't boast that you are going to be successful in something before you have an opportunity to attempt it (1 K. 20:11; Prov. 27:1).
2. When the Lord makes a promise to you, he will keep it (1 K. 20:13; 20:28; 2 Pet. 3:9). Don't keep being wicked like Ahab when the Lord is good to you.
3. God demonstrates again and again that he is Lord over all and in control of all (1 K. 20:13; Isa. 49:23).
4. The Lord is not a localized and limited God like some think (1 K. 20:23, 28; Job 36:22; Psa. 147:5).
5. Obedience to the Lord's commands are necessary even if they don't make sense to us (1 K. 20:35-36; Mt. 28:20).
6. Make sure that what you want is what you are supposed to have in the first place (1 K. 21:1-4; Mic. 2:2; Rom. 13:9; Jas. 4:2).
7. Help your spouse to do what is right, not to do what is wrong (1 K. 21:5-10; Prov. 19:14).
8. If you want to do what is wrong, you can always find someone to help you do it (1 K. 21:10; Rom. 1:30; 2 Tim. 3:13).
9. Don't believe everything you hear. Just because people make allegations against another person doesn't mean that those allegations are true (1 K. 21:10, 13; Psa. 27:12; Mt. 26:60; Acts 6:13).
10. The Lord will judge the wicked for their sins (1 K. 21:17-26; 2 Pet. 2:9).
11. Wicked people consider truth-tellers their enemy (1 K. 21:20; Gal. 4:16).
12. Tell the truth and hear the truth, no matter what the cost (1 K. 22:5-23; 2 Chron. 18:4-22; Prov. 23:23).
13. Be willing to suffer for the truth (1 K. 22:24-28; 2 Chron. 18:23-27; 1 Pet. 3:14).
14. Wicked and wealthy people do not escape death or God's judgment (1 K. 22:39; Lk. 16:19-31).