

# MICAIAH'S PROPHECY; AHAB'S DEATH

BIBLE TEXT : I Kings 22:1-40.

LESSON 305 Senior Course

**MEMORY VERSE:** "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

## BIBLE TEXT in King James Version

### **1 Kings 22:1-40**

<sup>1</sup> And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.

<sup>2</sup> And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead *is* ours, and we *be* still, *and* take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?

<sup>4</sup> And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramothgilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

<sup>5</sup> And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

<sup>6</sup> Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

<sup>7</sup> And Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?

<sup>8</sup> And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

<sup>9</sup> Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Hasten *hither*

## BIBLE REFERENCES:

### **I Jehoshaphat's Visit with Ahab**

1. Jehoshaphat joins affinity with Ahab, I Kings 22:1, 2;  
2 Chronicles 18:1-2
  - <sup>1</sup> Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab.
  - <sup>2</sup> And after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramothgilead.
- 2 Chronicles 19:2
  - <sup>2</sup> And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD.
- Psalm 1:1
  - <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
2. Ahab asks Jehoshaphat to go with him to battle at Ramothgilead, I Kings 22:3, 4;  
2 Chronicles 18:2-3
  - <sup>2</sup> And after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramothgilead.
  - <sup>3</sup> And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramothgilead? And he answered him, I *am* as thou *art*, and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war.
3. Jehoshaphat desires to inquire of the Lord, I Kings 22:5;  
2 Chronicles 19:3
  - <sup>3</sup> Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.
- Psalm 27:8
  - <sup>8</sup> *When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

### **II True and False Prophets**

1. Ahab gathers 400 false prophets, I Kings 22:6;  
Jeremiah 23:13-40
  - <sup>13</sup> And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.
  - <sup>14</sup> I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.
  - <sup>15</sup> Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.
  - <sup>16</sup> Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, *and* not out of the mouth of the LORD.
  - <sup>17</sup> They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.
  - <sup>18</sup> For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath

Micaiah the son of Imlah.

<sup>10</sup> And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

<sup>11</sup> And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them.

<sup>12</sup> And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the king's hand.

<sup>13</sup> And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak *that which is* good.

<sup>14</sup> And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.

<sup>15</sup> So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king.

<sup>16</sup> And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but *that which is* true in the name of the LORD?

<sup>17</sup> And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.

<sup>18</sup> And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good

perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard *it*?

<sup>19</sup> Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup> The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

<sup>21</sup> I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup> But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

<sup>23</sup> *Am* I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

<sup>24</sup> Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

<sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

<sup>26</sup> How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

<sup>27</sup> Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

<sup>28</sup> The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

<sup>29</sup> *Is* not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer *that* breaketh the rock in pieces?

<sup>30</sup> Therefore, behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

<sup>31</sup> Behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith.

<sup>32</sup> Behold, I *am* against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

<sup>33</sup> And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What *is* the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD.

<sup>34</sup> And *as for* the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house.

<sup>35</sup> Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

<sup>36</sup> And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.

<sup>37</sup> Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

<sup>38</sup> But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD;

<sup>39</sup> Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, *and cast you* out of my presence:

<sup>40</sup> And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

## 2. Jehoshaphat seeks a true prophet, I Kings 22:7-10;

Amos 8:11

<sup>11</sup> Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

concerning me, but evil?

<sup>19</sup> And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.

<sup>20</sup> And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.

<sup>21</sup> And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.

<sup>22</sup> And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade *him*, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

<sup>23</sup> Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

<sup>24</sup> But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?

<sup>25</sup> And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself.

<sup>26</sup> And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

<sup>27</sup> And say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace.

<sup>28</sup> And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hearken, O people, every one of you.

Amos 8:12

<sup>12</sup> And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.

3. The false prophets say, "Go . . . and prosper," I Kings 22:11, 12;

Isaiah 30:10

<sup>10</sup> Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits:

Jeremiah 28:1-11

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, *and* in the fifth month, *that* Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which *was* of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

<sup>2</sup> Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.

<sup>3</sup> Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD'S house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon:

<sup>4</sup> And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, saith the LORD: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

<sup>5</sup> Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of the LORD,

<sup>6</sup> Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD'S house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people;

<sup>8</sup> The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.

<sup>9</sup> The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, *then* shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.

<sup>10</sup> Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it.

<sup>11</sup> And Hananiah spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

4. Micaiah speaks the truth, I Kings 22:13-25;

Jeremiah 28:12-17

<sup>12</sup> Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah *the prophet*, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

<sup>13</sup> Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast broken the yokes of wood; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron.

<sup>14</sup> For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

<sup>15</sup> Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; The LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the LORD.



<sup>29</sup> So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramothgilead.

<sup>30</sup> And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

<sup>31</sup> But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.

<sup>32</sup> And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it *is* the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out.

<sup>33</sup> And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it *was* not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him.

<sup>34</sup> And a *certain* man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded.

<sup>35</sup> And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.

<sup>36</sup> And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

<sup>37</sup> So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria.

<sup>38</sup> And *one* washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according

<sup>17</sup> So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

### III The Battle at Ramoth-gilead

1. Ahab disguises himself, I Kings 22:29-33;

Matthew 10:26

<sup>26</sup> Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

1 Corinthians 4:5

<sup>5</sup> Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

2. Ahab is wounded and dies, I Kings 22:34-37.

3. Elijah's prophecy is fulfilled, I Kings 22:38-40;

1 Kings 21:17-24

<sup>17</sup> And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

<sup>18</sup> Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

<sup>19</sup> And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

<sup>20</sup> And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found *thee*: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

<sup>21</sup> Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,

<sup>22</sup> And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.

<sup>23</sup> And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

<sup>24</sup> Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat..

### NOTES:

#### Friendship with the World

"I am as thou art." These words of Jehoshaphat to Ahab are tragic when you consider that there was none so wicked as Ahab. Jehoshaphat, on the contrary, had sought the Lord and walked in His ways. When Jehoshaphat became as Ahab, he did not bring Ahab up to his standard, but rather lowered himself to Ahab's level. He made a friend of Ahab, but lost the friendship of God. "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). Who is your friend? And who is your enemy?

#### The Smooth-Tongued Prophets of Samaria

It can be said in Jehoshaphat's favour that he desired to inquire of the Lord before going with Ahab to Ramoth-gilead. If he had remembered to inquire of the Lord before making affiliations with Ahab and going to Samaria, it would have been much more to his credit. To Ahab, inquiring of the Lord meant calling out 400 of his lying, "yes-men" prophets. Jezebel had destroyed and cast out of the land many of the real prophets of God, and there seemed to be no one left but a bunch of old lying prophets — hypocrites — ready to compromise the issue with sin, the world, and the devil, at any turn of the road. They fell right into line with the request, "Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things" (Isaiah 30:10).

When Elijah was on Mount Carmel, there were 450 prophets of Baal to one prophet of God. In Samaria there were 400 lying

unto the word of the LORD which he spake.

<sup>39</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

<sup>40</sup> So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

prophets to one Micaiah who spoke the truth. The number of men today who uphold the whole truth of the Word of God seems proportionately small. Men like John the Baptist, who could stand up and tell the king that it was wrong for him to live in adultery and keep his brother Philip's wife, are very rare in this adulterous generation. Preachers who believe in the God of creation and defy the theories of evolution are in the minority today. Few dare to teach that a Christian lives above sin, for such teachers are not popular in this sinful age. Fewer still are they who preach that only the pure in heart shall see God. And among those who do teach sanctification, how many are there today who believe that one must also receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues, in order to be a full overcomer? Men who love the truth and who have the fortitude of Elijah, Micaiah, and John the Baptist are desperately needed in the world today.

### **Satan's Ministers**

Regardless of their cloak of pretence, Jehoshaphat had enough honesty to recognize that these 400 men were not true prophets of the Lord. "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness" (II Corinthians 11:14, 15). We are not concerned about the 400 false prophets of Ahab's day, but we are concerned about their descendants who have greatly increased in number. Peter emphatically warns: "There were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, . . . And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of" (II Peter 2:1, 2). Jesus was speaking of our very day when he said, "Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:11). Can't you just hear one of those false prophets saying: "Now, Brother Ahab, you go right up to Ramoth-gilead. You need not worry about being lost; you are one of those who are predestined to be saved, and God will take care of you, regardless of what you do."

### **No Love for the Truth**

"Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might inquire of him?" "There is yet one man, . . . but I hate him." There were too many crooked deals in the background, too much love for sin in his life for Ahab to seek the truth. The Bible states that "the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Timothy 4:3, 4).

The statement, "They shall turn away their ears from the truth," shows a voluntary action on the part of the individual; but the words that follow, "Shall be turned unto fables," indicate an involuntary action or coercion from without. In another passage of Scripture it is stated, "God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (II Thessalonians 2:11, 12). If a man reaches the place where he has no love for the truth, but like Ahab, hates the truth and those who speak it, he is treading on very dangerous ground. He may find himself in the place where God will bring to pass his word, "I also will choose their delusions" (Isaiah 66:4). What hope is there for mortals when the Almighty God chooses their delusions and His Spirit ceases to strive with the soul. A love for the truth is important in the life of any person.

The truth is not always pleasant for a sinner to contemplate. The truth reveals that an eternal hell awaits him if he does not repent. The truth revealed that Ahab would be killed at Ramoth-gilead. Yet in spite of this revelation Ahab turned away his ears from the truth and was turned to fables. The fables sounded good. The fables promised success and prosperity. But the truth came to pass. Ahab gave orders to "put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace." Micaiah went to prison, but Ahab did not return in peace — he was brought back a corpse. He took the word of 400 smooth-tongued prophets — but the truth that the hated Micaiah spoke was fulfilled.

### **A Weakling**

One may well ask: "What was the matter with you, Jehoshaphat? You asked to hear the word of the Lord. You heard it, and yet you turned against it and went on to Ramoth-gilead in spite of the defeat that awaited you there. Were you, too, carried away by the smooth tongues of the false prophets? or were you so weak that you were not able to say No to a friend? If you had taken your stand with the Prophet of the Lord, you might have saved Ahab's life; but instead, you went along with Ahab to Ramoth-gilead to what was his destruction. You heard the truth, and the truth came to pass. If you had taken your stand, you might have turned Ahab to the truth — the truth which could have saved his soul from eternal hell."

### **Disguise and Hypocrisy**

There seems to have been a little fear in Ahab's heart that Micaiah's word would come to pass, for Ahab disguised himself before he went to battle. But a disguise can never prevent the word of the Lord from being fulfilled. Many a hypocrite has disguised himself before the world with a show of religion, but with a heart filled with corruption. Jesus cried: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye are alike unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity" (Matthew 23:27, 28). To what advantage is a pretence or disguise if the end is death and destruction?

Ahab softened his heart at the word of Elijah but refused to listen to the word of Micaiah. Elijah prophesied Ahab's doom, but when he humbled himself God gave him another chance. Ahab refused that chance, and the word of the Lord spoken by both Micaiah and Elijah came to pass. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

### **QUESTIONS**

1. Why was it wrong for Jehoshaphat to help Ahab in battle?
2. Why did Jehoshaphat seek another prophet besides the 400 Ahab called?
3. Why did Ahab hate Micaiah?
4. What answer did the 400 prophets give concerning the king's going to Ramoth-gilead?
5. Look up several passages of Scripture about false prophets.
6. Why was Micaiah sent to prison?
7. How was Ahab slain?
8. What was Elijah's prophecy concerning the death of Ahab?
9. Find as much evidence as you can in this chapter that indicates Ahab was not serving God.
10. Compare Micaiah's prophecy with the events that transpired.