

AI-Assisted Bible Study for 1 Kings

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Headings

Ahab is defeated in battle.



Jezebel seeks to kill Elijah.



Elijah faces the prophets of Baal.



Short Summaries

King Ahab of Israel asked King Ben-hadad of Syria for some of his vineyards, but he was refused. Syria then declared war on Israel, but God told Ahab to go out and fight them anyway.



While King Ahab of Israel is at war with Syria, he is approached by a prophet who tells him that if he goes into battle, he will be victorious. Ahab follows the prophet's advice, and is indeed victorious.





Summaries



1 Kings 20 is the story of Ahab, king of Israel, and Ben-Hadad, king of Syria. Ben-Hadad and his army attack Israel, but Ahab and his army defeat them. Ben-Hadad then sends ambassadors to Ahab to ask for peace, and Ahab agrees to peace on the condition that Ben-Hadad



King Ahab of Israel and King Ben-hadad of Syria make peace, but Syria breaks the treaty. Ahab's prophets tell him that God will give Syria into his hands, so Ahab goes to war and is victorious.







gives up his claim to Ahab's city of Samaria.  



Application Questions



What can I learn from Ben-Hadad's example about the consequences of disobedience?  



What would have happened if Ahab had not listened to the prophet's warning?  



What can I learn from Ahab's example about the importance of repentance?  

What can I learn from the example of the prophet in this story about being bold for God?  



How can I learn to be more watchful for God's leading in my life?  



How can I make sure that I am living according to God's will?  



How can I trust God to FIGHT for me when I face difficult circumstances?  



What can I learn from this story about the power of prayer?  



Exegetical Questions



What does 1 Kings 20 teach us about man?  



What can we learn from the prophet's condemnation of Ahab?  



How did Ahab defeat Ben-Hadad?  

How should we apply the lessons from Ahab's victory and the prophet's condemnation to our lives?  



What can we learn from Ahab's victory over Ben-Hadad?  



Why did the prophet condemn Ahab?  



What does 1 Kings 20 teach us about God?  



What motivated Ben-Hadad to attack Samaria?  



Observation Questions



How did the battle between Ahab and Ben-Hadad end?  



What did the prophet say to Ahab?  



Who was the Prophet?  

Ben-Hadad was the king of Syria, and he attacked Samaria. Ahab was the king of Israel. Who won the battle?  



What did Ben-Hadad want from Ahab?  



Why did Ahab agree to give Ben-Hadad what he wanted?  



What did the prophet say would happen to Ahab?  



What did Ahab do when he heard the prophet's words?  



Group Discussion Questions



Do you think that Ben-Hadad deserved the punishment that he received? (v. 34-35)  



What lesson do you think we can learn from this story? (v. 36-46)  



How do you think Ahab felt when he learned that the prophet had condemned him? (v. 42)  

What do you think was the key to Ahab's victory over Ben-Hadad the second time? (v. 32-33)  



How would you have responded if you were in Ahab's position when Ben-Hadad demanded all of your gold and silver? (v. 2)  



What do you think would have happened if Ahab had not listened to the prophet's warning? (v. 44)  



What do you think was God's purpose in allowing Ben-Hadad to defeat Ahab's army the first time? (v. 28)  



Do you think Ahab was sincere in his repentance? Why or why not? (v. 30)  



Prayers Based on 1 Kings 20

We ask for your mercy on Ahab and Ben-Hadad, and that they would both turn to you.  



We praise you, Lord, for your power and might.  



We thank you, Lord, for giving Ahab the victory against Ben-Hadad.  



We ask that you would guide and protect Ahab in the future.  



We pray that Ahab would listen to your prophets and not be led astray.  



Journal Prompts



How can I be more like the prophet in Ahab's story and be more obedient to God's will?  



What are some things that I can take away from Ahab's story and apply to my own life?  



What does Ahab's story teach me about surrounding myself with godly counsel?  

How would I have reacted if I were in Ahab's position during the battle?  

What did I learn from Ahab's story?  

Did Ahab deserve the punishment that he received?  

How would I have feel if I were Ahab and I heard the prophet's message?  

What would I have done differently if I were in Ahab's shoes?  

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