

1 Kings 22 The War of Israel and Judah Against Aram

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Micaihu Prophecies Against Ahab

1 For three years there was no war between Aram and Israel.

2 But in the third year Yehoshaphat king of Judah went down to see the king of Israel.

3 The king of Israel said to his officials, "Don't you know that Ramot Gilead belongs to us and yet we are doing nothing to take it back from the king of Aram?"

1) For three years there was a war between Aram and Israel. TRUE / FALSE

2) What are "officials" in Hebrew? _____

3) Who does Ramot Gilead belong to? Aram Israel Judah

4 So he asked Yehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to fight against Ramot Gilead?" Yehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."

1) What does the king of Israel ask the king of Judah to do?

- a) To go with him to fight against Ramot Gilead,
- b) To go with him to Judah.

2) What does Yehoshaphat say to the king of Israel?

- a) He will go fight with him.
- b) He won't go fight with him.

5 But Yehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, "First ask the advice of the LORD."

6 So the king of Israel brought together the prophets—about four hundred men—and asked them, "To go to war against Ramot Gilead, or not?" "Go," they answered, "for the Lord will give it into the king's hand."

1) Before going to war, Yehoshaphat says they should ask _____.

2) The king of Israel brought together the prophets and asked if they should go to war against Ramot Gilead. They said, YES / No.

7 But Yehoshaphat asked, "Is there another prophet of the LORD who we can ask?"

8 The king of Israel answered Yehoshaphat, "There is still one prophet through who we can ask of the LORD, but I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me, but always bad. He is Micaihu son of Imlah." "The king should not say such a thing," Yehoshaphat said.

- 1) What does prophesy mean? להתעשר לנבא להרוויח
- 2) Why doesn't the king of Israel like the prophet Micaihu?
 - a) Because he always prophesies bad things.
 - b) Because he is the son of Imlah.

9 So the king of Israel called one of his officials and said, "Bring Micaihu son of Imlah."

10 Dressed in their royal robes, the king of Israel and Yehoshaphat king of Judah were sitting on their thrones next to the entrance of the gate of Samaria, with all the prophets prophesying before them.

- 1) What does the official need to do? _____
- 2) What are the two kings wearing? _____

11 Now Zedekiah son of Kenaanah had made iron horns and he said, "This is what the LORD says: 'With these you will cut the Arameans until they are destroyed.' "

12 All the other prophets were prophesying the same thing. "Attack Ramot Gilead and be victorious," they said, "for the LORD will give it into the king's hand."

- 1) What did Zedekiah make? _____
- 2) What are the prophets telling the kings to do? _____
- 3) Do the prophets think the kings are going to win or lose?

13 The messenger who went to call Micaihu said to him, "Look, the other prophets without exception are prophesying success for the king. Let your word agree with theirs, and speak favorably."

- 1) The messenger wants Micaihu to say what the other _____ said.

14 But Micaihu said, "As surely as the LORD lives, I can tell him only what the LORD tells me."

- 1) What is Micaihu going to say to the king? _____

15 When he arrived, the king asked him, "Micaihu, shall we go to war against Ramot Gilead, or not?" "Attack and be victorious," he answered, "for the LORD will give it into the king's hand."

16 The king said to him, "How many times must I make you swear to tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"

1) Did Micaihu tell the king what the Lord said to him? YES / NO

17 Then Micaihu answered, "I saw all Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd, and the LORD said, 'These people have no master. Let each one go home in peace.' "

18 The king of Israel said to Yehoshaphat, "Didn't I tell you that he never prophesies anything good about me, but only bad?"

1) "... all Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd," is a good prophesy or a bad prophesy?

2) Is the king of Israel surprised by Micaihu's prophesy? YES / NO

19 Micaiah continued, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne with all the many of heaven standing around him on his right and on his left.

20 And the LORD said, 'Who will entice (יפתה) Ahab into attacking Ramot Gilead and going to his death there?' "One said this, and another that.

21 Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice (attract) him.'

22 " 'How?' the LORD asked. " 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouths of all his prophets,' he said. " 'You will succeed in enticing him,' said the LORD. 'Go and do it.'

1) The LORD wants to entice Ahab to fight against Ramot Gilead so he will _____.

2) How does the spirit want to get Ahab to go and fight?

a) He tells Ahab he is going to win the war.

b) He tells the prophets Ahab is going to win the war.

23 "So now the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouths of all these prophets of yours. The LORD has given disaster for you."

24 Then Zedekiah son of Kenaanah went up and slapped Micaihu in the face. "Which way did the spirit from the LORD go when he went from me to speak to you?" he asked.

1) Zedekiah was angry with Micaihu and _____ his face.

26 The king of Israel then said, "Take Micaiah and send him back to Amon the ruler of the city and to Yoash the king's son

27 and say, "put this man in prison and give him nothing but bread and water until I return safely. "

28 Micaihu said, "If you ever return safely, the LORD has not spoken through me." Then he added, "Mark my words, all you people!"

- 1) The king of Israel sends Micaihu to
 - a) buy bread and water.
 - b) prison.
- 2) The king of Israel is going to fight against Ramot Gilead. Which sentence shows (מראה) this?
 - a) Put this man in prison.
 - b) Until I return safely.