

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel? 2. What does this story teach me about myself? 3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good? 4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God? 5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 13 • Session 4

THE REIGN OF AHAB

1 Kings 20-22; 2 Kings 1

HOW MANY GODS ARE THERE? THERE IS ONE TRUE GOD WHO ALONE DESERVES WORSHIP.

A prophet of the Lord came to Ahab and said, "This is what the Lord says, 'Do you see Ben-hadad's huge army? Watch this: I am handing it over to you today so that you may know I am the Lord." Ahab led the men to battle. Israel won, but Ben-hadad escaped.

The prophet of God came to Ahab again and said, "Because the Arameans have said that the LORD can't win unless the battle is in the mountains. You will win, and you will know that I am the LORD." Israel won the battle, and they captured Ben-hadad. Ben-hadad offered to make a deal in exchange for his life. He agreed to receive the land in exchange for Ben-hadad's release.

Sometime later, Ahab decided he wanted a vineyard that belonged to a man named Naboth. Naboth refused to sell this land, and Ahab was mad. Ahab's wife, Jezebel, said to him, "Now, exercise your royal power over Israel." Then Jezebel hired men to lie about Naboth. They said that Naboth had cursed God and the king. Naboth was killed, and Ahab took his vineyard.

A few years later, Ahab wanted to go to war against the Arameans again because they still had some of Israel's land. The prophet Micaiah told Ahab that going to war against Aram would fail, and the king would die. Micaiah said, "I saw all of Israel alone scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd. And the LORD said, 'They have no one to lead them." King Ahab decided to go to war anyway. He was struck by an arrow, and he died.

Christ Connection: Ahab was a disobedient, greedy, and stubborn king who refused to lead Israel in the ways of the Lord. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, always obeyed God and laid down His life for us. Anyone who follows Him will dwell with God forever.





The Wrong Kind of King | Ahab was an evil king who made wrong choices. Circle the 10 items that are wrong for the picture.



The Shepherd King

Ahab was a disobedient king who led people away from God. Match each Bible reference to the correct description about Jesus, the Shepherd King.



John 10:11 •

Micah 5:2-4 •

Psalm 23:1 •

Isaiah 40:11 •

• Jesus gently carries and leads His people.

• Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep.

• Jesus is the Shepherd who gives us everything we need.

• Jesus is the Ruler who shepherds His people in strength.

