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1 Kings 22:1-40 Summary

Written Assignment 4

In Kings 22:1-40 the King of Israel is determined to go to war because he believes that Ramoth Gilead is his, but Syria has control of it. The fact that there has been peace between Syria and Israel for three years makes me believe that Ahab is power-hungry and not satisfied with what he has and wants more. Ahab is afraid to go on his own, so he calls on Jehoshaphat the King of Judah to join in with him, but Jehoshaphat asked him to consult with God on this matter. The King of Israel calls all of his dishonest prophets that tell him what he wants to hear to sway Jehoshaphat, but Jehoshaphat asks him about Micaiah. The king sends for Micaiah the one he doesn't like because he tells him the truth. Micaiah tells him to go and prosper and the lord would deliver it into the hands of the King so he would not lie to him. When pressed he told him in front of Jehoshaphat that Israel would be scattered as sheep on the mountain with no shepherd and that it would end in disaster. Ahab sent Micaiah to be put in prison. After hearing what Micaiah had said Ahab and Jehoshaphat went to war with Syria and Ahab tried to disguise himself and it did not work, he was killed, and Israel scattered as Micaiah had told them.

I believe that Ahab's character was bad, and he was a power-hungry self-centered king who only wanted to hear what he wanted to hear. Ahab seems to me to be a coward trying to disguise himself so no one would know who he was. Jehoshaphat acted like a little puppet on strings going along with Ahab after knowing what Micaiah had predicted would happen. I believe that Micaiah was a man of great character and a man of God who was badly mistreated because of his honesty.

I don't believe I can judge God's character, so I won't even try to, but this text shows me that God had to deal with all kinds of characters to fulfill the prophecy. God used many different men bad and good to accomplish it. The lesson I learned from this text is to stay true to your faith even when you are being asked to do something you know is dishonest. I learned that you should speak the truth even when the truth is not popular. I learned that you should not hang around with people because they are popular.