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1 KINGS 22:1-40

The summarize of the whole account of 1Kings 22:1-40 are that after 3 years has passed Jehoshaphat went to visit the king of Israel and the king wanted to go to the Ramoth in Gilead because it belonged to them, and he wanted to take it out of the hands of the king of Syria. Jehoshaphat told king I am as you are , my people as your people, horses as your horses. But he did advise him to inquire about the word of the Lord that day. So, he went to the prophets to seek whether or not he should go against the Ramoth in Gilead, and they advised him to go that the Lord will deliver in the hand of the king. Jehoshaphat wanted to know if there was a prophet from the Lord available and that's when he met Micaiah. The king said he doesn't prophesy any good concerns but only prophesies evil to him. So, the king sent for him, as they waited for Micaiah the other prophets were allowed to prophesy to them. Micaiah was advised to tell the king what he wants to hear and Micaiah said he will only say what the Lord gives him. Once he arrived the king asks him should they war against Ramoth in Gilead or should they not. He advised them of what the Lord gave him about Israel being scattered about the mountain as sheep without a shepherd. Zedekiah struck Micaiah on the cheek and said, "Which way did the spirit from the Lord go from me to speak to you?" And he told Zedekiah he shall see on that day when he goes into the inner chambers to hide. The king instructed them

to take Micaiah to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son to put him in prison and feed him with bread of affliction and water of affliction until the king come to peace. Micaiah said to him to take heed of all his people. The king disguised himself and went to war along with Jehoshaphat. The Syria king told his captions to go for the king of Israel and no one smaller or greater. When the captions saw Jehoshaphat, they said he was the king of Israel and went after him but when he cried out, they realize he was not the king of Israel they turned away from him. There was a man who randomly shot a bow and the arrow hit the king of Israel in his joint of his armor and he took himself out of the battle because he was injured. He died from his injury as he was propped up in the chariot facing the Syrians they took him to Samaria and buried him there. As they cleaned up the blood out of the chariots the dogs licked it up as the harlots bathed. Jehoshaphat the son of Asa, then became king over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. Although he was only 35 years old, he reigned for twenty-five years in Jerusalem. After Jehoshaphat died he was buried with his father Asa, then his son Jehoram reigned in his place. Ahab son Ahaziah became king over Israel in Samaria during the seventeenth year Jehoshaphat remain king of Judah. He was evil in the eyes of the Lord and led the same way his father and mother did. Jeroboam son of Nebat made Israel sin because they served Baal and worshipped him, and this angered God.

Ahab character was bad and evil, he did not worship God he worships Baal a false god. Micaiah character was honest and would not please man with what they wanted to hear. He truly waited to hear from the Lord before he would respond to any man especially the king.

The explicit lesson I learned from this story that I can apply to my Christian life is don't ever try to please man with what they want to hear wait on God to give you a word to release

to others for God's word is truth. Also adhere to the word or the warning of the prophet don't settle your accounts with false prophet as we call them today fortunetellers because they will never give you the full truth. Always serve the most high God and not these false gods you hear about through books and different forms of media. Also know that God will never steer you in the wrong direction, his word is always correct and the best position for us.