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In 1 Kings 22:1-40, the chapter starts by saying that in 3 years there hasn't been a war between Syria and Israel. However, the King of Israel wanted the land in Syria back and asked Jehoshaphat to help him and he agreed. When they went to Ramoth Gilead the King told Jehoshaphat that he would go in disguise and for Jehoshaphat to dress in his royal clothing. But when they went someone spotted the King of Israel and killed him with a bow and arrow. So the king was brought to Samaria and was buried, and he and his land where he ruled was forgotten and his son Ahaziah succeeded him after his death.

Ahab who was the king of Israel wasn't a very good person, in 1 Kings 22 he started a war with Syria cause he wanted the land after 3 years of peace. The story in Kings shows Ahab as a greedy man who just wants things for himself and doesn't consider God's word or what is suitable for others. At the start of the Chapter, he asks the prophets and 400 men if he should go to war and they all say yes, in that example it shows that he is also influenced by those around him and can't decide things for himself. And regardless of what God's prophecy was for him and how all the things he did and was planning on doing were going to go bad for him, he still went forward and went to war with Syria and got killed.

Jehoshaphat is the king of Judah and he is not a bad person but he gets dragged in and influenced by evil men. When Ahab asks Jehoshaphat to join him to start the war with Syria so that he can take away the land, Jehoshaphat was quick to agree and joined him. This shows how regardless of how much of a good person he is he gets pulled and influenced by people who commit a sin which makes him look like he supports all the sins.

Micaiah is the prophet who tells Ahab and Jehoshaphat that if they go forward with the war they were preparing for that they would lose drastically. And he was telling a true Prophet from what God told him and because the king of Israel didn't want to listen to him and what he said about bad things happening he was killed at the war. In Kings 22 God is seen through Micaiah and through him, he tells the prophecy of what will happen. When the king dies and is laid to rest God doesn't write about him and his land and all the details of Ahab's kingdom, what God does is erase him due to his not listening to the true prophet Micaiah was telling him.

What I learned about in 1 King 22:1-40 is that regardless of what others think don't be afraid, to tell the truth even if people won't hear what you're saying, God knows when you tell the truth and will always support you. Also, something else is that don't let people around you influence you or make you feel what your doing is not the right way.