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#### Kings 22:1-40

Three years passed and there was no war between Aram and Israel. The King of Israel was questioning his fellows if they should not go and take Ramoth Gilead from The King of Aram. He questioned Jehoshaphat if he would come and fight, and he said in other words “my war is your war, what is mine is yours”. They had 400 prophets, about 400 and they were all ready to go and fight. They had to inquire about this war from the Lord and they were looking for a prophet to do so. He said Micaiah was able to do it, but he did not have anything good to talk about the king of Israel. When the messenger went to Micaiah to ask for his approval and his positivity about the situation, he was very clear that he would do and say ONLY what the Lord would tell him to. Ahab was a neutral character, and, in the end, he rested in peace.

Jehoshaphat is ready to fight and get it back what he thinks is theirs. He was the fourth King of Judah, the Lord was with Jehoshaphat because he was a follower of his father, David. He was ready to get it back Ramoth Gilead, when he was asked if he would join them, answered: “I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.”<sup>5</sup> But Jehoshaphat also said to the king of Israel, “First seek the counsel of the Lord.” I don’t see him as a bad person, but someone who wants what is his. On the other hand, we have Micaiah who was a Lord’s prophet.

He was the Lord's follower; he would only agree with what he said. That is why some other people had a disagreement with him, but he was doing his job which is understandable. But at the same time, he had a problem telling the truth because he was afraid because sometimes it is not easy to tell people what you don't want to hear. Micaiah predicted the death of Ahab God's plan on this role was to punish the wrong ones and relieve the right ones as he usually does.

In conclusion, in this chapter, we could learn that we always must tell the truth no matter how people would feel. Some of the problems we see in this chapter, for example, Ahab betraying Jehoshaphat, or him being false to his God are episodes we see every day with different people in different situations. I believe this chapter came for us to be more aware of how to act with people, and respect boundaries.