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Written Assignment #4

1King 22:1-40 was set during the time when Syria and Isreal haven't had a war in over three years, however, that was all about to change. When Jehosaphat came to visit Isreal and the king, Ahab realized that he wanted his land back from Syria after they proclaimed their triumph of conquering it. Ahab knew that it wasn't going to be easy so he asked Jehosaphat, who was the king of Judah, asking if he would team up with him in the war against Syria to win back their fallen land. Due to their brotherhood, he agreed to help with Isreal's operation, but under one condition, by asking for the Lord's answer. Jehoshaphat wanted to know through the Lord's eyes whether or not he should go through with the plan. While they waited for the final answer, Ahab gathered around 400 prophets After Jehosaphat saw the number of prophets that Ahab rounded together, he became a bit skeptical. Ahab admits to not having a winning amount, but he does know one guy that he despises, Micaiah. After being persuaded Ahab sends a messenger to retrieve Micaiah, he later arrives with sarcasm on his tongue. Ahab immediately sends him to the palace's jail. Micaiah tries warning them all about going through with this war, but Ahab and Jehosaphat ignore him and go on with their plan. While their at war, Ahab tries to outsmart the Syrian soldiers by dressing up as a normal soldier. It wasn't too long till they realized the trick and shot Ahab with one of their arrows. As Ahab bled out in his chariot and armor, his son, Ahaziah becomes king, and Jehosaphat goes back to reigning Judah.

After reading this, I realized that all of the people's characters portrayed something different. Starting with Ahab, I realized that he works under the impulse of ambition and resentment. His character in this story shows that he wasn't afraid to fight for his fallen land, but also wouldn't

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listen to anyone's opinions. All in all, he has a good and bad character in this story. Also, Jehosaphat was the king of Judah. He had a very godly spirit. Before the agreement to the war, he wanted to ask God for his approval on whether or not to fight this war. Jehosaphat was worried for the people and himself so he called out to God for protection. Lastly, Micaiah's character prophesies to Ahab and King Jehosaphat. He wasn't afraid, to tell the truth to anyone, so that's why the two kings went to him for the answer. It takes a real one to tell two powerful kings different opinions than what 400 other prophets told them earlier that day. After reading this and learning all the different character traits, I learned that it's not easy to tell people your opinion when you are scared that no one will listen. But at the same time, I believe that you give your opinion no matter what and say it confidently with my heart.