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1 Kings 22: 1-40 introduces the reader to Ahab the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah. Ahab expresses that Ramoth Gilead belongs to Israel, but they are hesitant to take it. Along with expressing this, Ahab asks for the king of Judah to assist in taking Ramoth Gilead. The King of Judah agrees to help but suggests that the king of Israel inquire for the word of the Lord. The king of Israel did this by gathering four hundred men that were prophets and asking them if he should go against Ramoth Gilead to fight or refrain. When the king of Israel asked this, was given the same response from each prophet which was “ Go up, for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king” (1 King 22: 6). Since the prophet's answer was not of the liking of either king Ahab or Jehoshaphat, the king of Israel resulted in seeking another prophet by the name of Micaiah. Micaiah was a prophet and also not very liked by the king of Israel but since the king of Israel felt like he had no other choice, he asked Micaiah if he should go to war against Ramoth Gilead or refrain. Micaiah's response was the same as the four hundred and any other prophet that the king of Israel consulted with. Since the king of Israel was not pleased with the answer he received and since Micaiah was hated by the king of Israel; he decided to have Micaiah put in prison. When the king of Israel went to war against the Ramoth of Gilead he was struck and eventually died. After the king of Israel died, he was brought to and buried in

Samaria. From Ahaziah, which was Ahab the king of Israel, son, reigned in his place.

The king of Judah Jehoshaphat seemed like he was more of a follower of the king of Israel, rather than a true follower of the Lord. Once the prophets spoke of what the king of Israel should do, instead of getting upset or questioning the prophets. Jehoshaphat should have had faith in the Lord and advised the king of Israel to do the same.

Micaiah's character seemed very interesting to me because he seemed like the relationship between him, and the king of Israel was not the best. Micaiah was willing to be truthful and put aside how he may feel and speak the truth of God.

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