

# 1 Kings

Solomon's Reign & Two Kingdoms



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**Section One:**

# **Solomon's Reign**

**1 Kings 1 - 11**

# Solomon Coronated King

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## *1 Kings 1:1-53*

### I. Solomon Becomes Co-Regent

#### A. *David's Coldness and Abishag, 1:1-4*

1. What was the solution to David's inability to keep warm?
2. Was Abishag a concubine or just a nurse-maid (see 1 Kings 2:22-25)?

#### B. *Adonijah Conspires for the Throne, 1:5-10*

4. What role did David's fatherhood play in Adonijah's plot to become king?
5. Whose help did Adonijah enlist to help him become King? Who did he not call to his coronation?

#### C. *Nathan's Concern for Bathsheba, 1:11-14*

6. Why did Nathan immediately send Bathsheba to David?

#### D. *Bathsheba Confronts David, 1:15-21*

7. What had David sworn to Bathsheba?
8. If David did not act what would have happened to Bathsheba and Solomon?

*E. Nathan's Corroboration of Bathsheba's Story, 1:22-27*

9. What did Nathan ask David?

*F. David Calls for Bathsheba, 1:28-31*

10. When was David going to fulfill his oath concerning Solomon?

*G. David's Command About Solomon, 1:32-37*

11. Where was Solomon to be anointed? How far was this from where Adonijah was feasting at En-Rogel?

*H. Solomon is Crowned King, 1:38-40*

12. What was the significance of Solomon riding on David's mule?

*I. Adonijah's Coup Abandoned, 1:41-49*

13. Who told Adonijah about the crowning of Solomon?

14. How did his supporters react to the news?

*J. Solomon's Compassion toward Adonijah, 1:50-53*

15. To where did Adonijah flee for safety?

16. What conditions of mercy did Solomon make with Adonijah?

**Application and Discussion:**

1) Some of David's old friends and family were loyal while others were not. How do Christians demonstrate loyalty or disloyalty to each other?

# Solomon Confirms His Kingship

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## *1 Kings 2:1-46*

### II. Solomon Establishes His Kingdom

#### A. *Enjoining of Solomon to be Faithful, 2:1-4*

1. Why was Solomon charged to “*be strong*” and “*keep the charge of the Lord*”?
2. What promise and conditions did God set concerning David’s throne and his heirs to the throne?

#### B. *Enemies and Friends of David, 2:1-9*

3. Who all had Joab murdered (2 Sam. 2:21-32; 11:14f; 18:1f; 20:1f)?
4. What good had Barzillai done for David? How was Solomon to reward him?
5. Why was Solomon warned to keep a watch on Shimei?

#### C. *End of David’s Reign, 2:10-12*

6. How long did David reign? How is his reign divided?

#### D. *Execution of Adonijah for Plotting, 2:13-25*

7. Who did Adonijah ask to bring his request for Abishag to be his wife?
8. Why did was Solomon so upset at this request from Adonijah? Why would this be a plot against Solomon’s power? (see 2 Sam. 16:20-23).
9. Who executed Adonijah?

*E. Eliminating Abiathar as Priest, 2:26-27*

10. How was Solomon fulfilling the will of God by removing Abiathar as priest? (see 1 Sam. 2:27-36).
11. Why didn't Solomon have him killed?

*F. Execution of Joab for Murder, 2:28-35*

12. To where did Joab flee for safety?
13. Why was he to be put to death?
14. If justice had not been carried out against Joab what consequences would there be for the house of David? (cf. Num. 35:30-34; Gen. 4:10; 2 Sam. 21:1-14).
15. Who did Solomon promote?

*G. Execution of Shimei for Breaking His Oath, 2:36-46*

16. What arrangements did Solomon make with Shimei?
17. Why did Shimei leave Jerusalem?
18. What reasons did Solomon give for ordering Shimei's execution?

**Application and Discussion:**

- 1) The Bible records the last words of Jacob (Gen. 49), Moses (Deut. 33), Joshua (23-1-2:27), and here David. What do you want your final words to be to your loved ones?
- 2) Was Solomon just in dealing with his enemies? Do governments have a right to punish evildoers (Rom. 13:1f)?



# **Solomon Crowned with Wisdom & Wealth**

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## ***1 Kings 3 & 4***

### **III. Solomon Blessed With Wisdom, 1 Kings 3**

#### ***A. Pact Brings a Wife, 3:1***

1. Who did he marry and why?

#### ***B. Problem Brings Divided Worship, 3:2,3***

2. Why did the people worship the Lord at the high places?
3. How did Solomon demonstrate that he loved the Lord?

#### ***C. Prayer Brings Wisdom, 3:4-9***

4. What did Solomon do at Gibeon?
5. What had God done for David?
6. How does Solomon refer to himself in this prayer to God?

#### ***D. Pleasing God Brings Wisdom and Wealth, 3:10-15***

7. What other blessing did God give Solomon?
8. What conditions did God set for the blessings He would give Solomon?

#### ***E. Prostitutes Bring Up a Wrong, 3:16-23***

9. What problem did the two harlots present to Solomon?

*F. Pronouncement Brings Solomon Praise, 3:23-28*

10. How did Solomon propose to solve the problem?
11. How did Israel respond to the news of Solomon's judgment?

#### **IV. Solomon's Great Kingship, 1Kings 4**

*A. Great Leaders & Provisions, 4:1-19*

12. What responsibility did the twelve governors have?

*B. Great Land & Peace, 4:20-25*

13. How large was Israel in the days of Solomon?

*C. Great Liveries & Power, 4:26-28*

14. What did Solomon need with all these houses and chariots?

*D. Great Learning & Psalms/Proverbs, 4:29-34*

15. How great was Solomon's wisdom?
16. What are some of Solomon's other achievements?

#### **Application and Discussion:**

- 1) Solomon prayed for wisdom to reign over God's people? Should Christians pray for wisdom? Why? (Js. 1:5; Prov. 3:1,2;10,13-18).
- 2) Solomon's kingdom was greatly blessed by God. What does it take for a nation today to receive great blessings, if any, from God?

# Solomon Constructs the Temple

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## *1 Kings 5-7*

### **V. Solomon Prepares to Build the Temple, 1 Kings 5**

#### *A. Securing Materials, 5:1-12*

1. Who was Hiram?
2. Why did David not build the Temple himself?
3. How would Hiram get the timber to Solomon?
4. What did Solomon pay Hiram?

#### *B. Securing Manpower, 5:13-18*

5. Who was in charge of the labor force for building the Temple?
6. Fill in the number of men:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jewish Labor force  
\_\_\_\_\_ Carried Burdens  
\_\_\_\_\_ Quarried Stone  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chiefs

### **VI. Solomon Finishes the Temple, 1 Kings 6**

#### *A. Exterior of the Temple, 6:1-10*

7. When did Solomon begin to build the Temple?
8. If a common cubit is eighteen inches, how big was the Temple?

9. Why was no sound of a hammer heard in the Temple?

*B. Promises of the Temple, 6:11-13*

10. What promises did Solomon receive from God?

*C. Interior of the Temple, 6:14-35*

11. Of what were the inside walls and floor of the Temple made?

*D. Completion of the Temple, 6:36-38*

12. How long did it take to build the Temple?

## **VII. Solomon Builds His Palace and Furnishes Temple Fixtures, 1 Kings 7**

*A. House Fit for a King, 7:1-12*

13. How long did it take for Solomon to finish his palace?

14. What other structures did he build?

*B. Fixture for the House of God, 7:13-51*

15. Who was Hiram?

16. What did they call the two pillars? What do these names mean?

17. Why did not Solomon weigh the bronze used in the Temple fixtures?

### **Application and Discussion:**

1) What is called the temple in the New Testament? What is it made of? How purchased it? With what is it purchased? How can it be desecrated?

# Solomon Consecrates the House of God

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## *1 Kings 8:1 - 9:9*

### VIII. Solomon Dedicates the Temple, 1 Kings 8

#### *A. The Temple is a House of Glory, 8:1-11*

1. When did Solomon assemble the people? What was significant about this time?
2. What was in the ark of the covenant?
3. What did the cloud which filled the Temple represent?

#### *B. The Temple is a House of Testimony, 8:12-21*

4. Was God pleased with David's desire to build the Temple?

#### *C. The Temple is a House of Prayer, 8:22-54*

5. Did Solomon believe God would dwell in the Temple on earth?
6. When people pray toward the Temple Solomon asked God to hear. What specific things or events did he say they would bring before God in prayer?
7. Why did Solomon want God to hear the prayer of the foreigner?

#### *D. The Temple is a House of Blessing, 8:55-61*

8. How many promises did God keep?

9. What effect did Solomon want his prayer to have upon the world?

*E. The Temple is a House of Sacrifice, 8:62-64*

10. What did Solomon offer to the Lord in sacrifice?

*F. The Temple is a House of Joy, 8:65,66*

11. How long was the feast?

*G. The Temple is a House of Warning, 9:1-9*

12. What must Solomon do for his throne to be established “forever”?

13. What would happen if the sons of Solomon served and worshiped other gods?

14. How will those who pass by respond to the ruined House of God?

### **Application and Discussion:**

- 1) The church is the house of God (1 Tim. 3:15). What other phrases are used to describe the church in the New Testament? How do these glorify God?
  
- 2) Solomon’s prayer was a prayer of intercession for the people of his day and the future. Are Christians to give prayers of intercession? For whom and why?

# **Solomon's Celebrated Wealth & Wisdom**

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## ***1 Kings 9:10 - 10:29***

### **IX. Solomon's Need for Wealth, 1 Kings 9:10-28**

#### *A. Solomon's Worthless Trade, 9:10-14*

1. What did Solomon give Hiram as collateral for gold? How much gold did Hiram give?
2. What did Hiram call Solomon's collateral? What does it mean?

#### *B. Solomon's Workforce, 9:15-23*

3. Why did Solomon need such a large labor force?
4. Who did Solomon use for his forced laborers?
5. How did he employ the children of Israel?

#### *C. Solomon's Wife & Worship, 9:24,25*

6. Where was Solomon's Egyptian wife's house?
7. What did Solomon do three times a year?

#### *D. Solomon's Wayfaring, 9:26-28*

8. Who worked Solomon's fleet of ships?

9. What did they bring back from Ophir?

**X. Solomon's Famed Wisdom and Wealth, 10:1-29**

*A. Solomon Entertains the Queen of Sheba, 10:1-10*

10. Why did the Queen of Sheba visit Solomon? What did she discover?

11. What did she give Solomon? What did he give her?

*B. Solomon's Use of Gold, 10:14-23*

12. What was Solomon annual supply of gold?

13. What did he do with all this gold?

*C. Solomon's International Wisdom and Wealth, 10:24-29*

14. How common did Solomon make silver and cedar trees?

15. What did Solomon do with his imported chariots and horses?

**Application and Discussion:**

- 1) Moses warned Israel of the abuse of a king (Deut. 17:17-20). Compare what he said to the reign of Solomon?
  
- 2) What role do you think Solomon's extravagance and wealth play in his final fall from grace (see Eccl. 5:10; 1 Tim. 6:7-10; Matt. 6:28-30; 16:26)?



# Solomon's Crime, Chastisement & Conclusion

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## *1 Kings 11*

### **XI. Solomon's Crimes Against God, 11:1-13**

#### *A. Polygamy, 11:1-3*

1. How many wives and concubines did Solomon have? Where did he obtain them?
2. Why was this wrong?

#### *B. Paganism, 11:4-8*

3. Which foreign gods did Solomon serve?

#### *C. Punishment, 11:8-13*

4. How many times and when did God appear to Solomon?
5. Why would God postpone Solomon's punishment until the days of his son's reign?

### **XII. Solomon's Chastisement from God, 11:14-40**

#### *A. Revolt of Hadad the Edomite, 11:14-22*

6. What had Joab done to the Edomites?

7. How was Hadad spared?

*B. Raids from Rezon in Damascus, 11:23-25*

8. When did he become an enemy of Israel?

*C. Rebellion of Jeroboam the Ephraimite, 11:26-40*

9. To what position did Solomon promote Jeroboam?

10. What did the tearing of the ten pieces of the garment by the prophet Ahijah represent?

11. Why was this happening to the kingdom of Solomon?

12. What conditions did God set with Jeroboam for the continuance of his kingdom?

13. How did Solomon react to Jeroboam? What did Jeroboam do?

**XIII. Conclusion of Solomon's Reign Before God, 11:41-43**

14. How long did Solomon reign?

15. Where are the rest of the deeds of Solomon recorded?



**Section Two:**

**Two Kingdoms**

**1 Kings 12 - 22**

# Two New Kings Receive Bad Advice

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## 1 Kings 12

### I. Two New Kings, 12:1- 33

#### A. Asking for Relief from the New King, 12:1-5

1. Where was Rehoboam made king?
2. What request did Jeroboam and the ten tribes make of King Rehoboam?

#### B. Advice Requested by the New King, 12:6-11

3. What advice did the old counselors of his father give Rehoboam?
4. What advice did the young men give him? Who advice did he follow?

#### C. Answered Roughly by the New King, 12:12-17

5. How did the ten tribes of Israel react to Rehoboam answer?

#### D. Assassination Results in Appointing a New King, 12:18-20

6. Who did Rehoboam send to Israel? What happened to him?
7. What did Rehoboam do? What did Jehoboam do?

#### E. Attacking to Restore the New King, 12:21-25

8. How many soldiers did Rehoboam assemble? Why?
9. What prophet did God send to Judah? What was his message?

10. How did Judah respond to the will of God through the prophet?

*F. Alternate Religion by the New King, 12:25-33*

11. Why did Jeroboam manufacture a new religion?

12. What substitutes did Jeroboam create in his counterfeit worship?

13. Why did he select Dan and Bethel?

14. Did Jeroboam officiate as a priest in his man-made religion? Explain.

### **Application and Discussion:**

1) Rehoboam and Jeroboam both sought and received ungodly advice. Where and by whom should we see advice for our decisions (see Prov. 11:14; 15:22; 24:6)?

2) Jeroboam fabricated a false religion by substituting counterfeit worship to God? Show how modern man has done the same in many denominations and even in New Testament churches? (See John 4:23,24; Eph. 5:19).

# Two Prophets Warn Jeroboam

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## *1 Kings 13,14*

### II. A True Prophet Dies for a Lie, 1 Kings 13

#### A. *Young Prophet Tells Jeroboam the Truth, 13:1-10*

1. What did the prophet of Judah cry out against?
2. Who would sacrifice bones of the priest upon that altar? When was this fulfilled?
3. What was the sign which would back up the prophecy?
4. What happened when Jeroboam sought to have the prophet arrested?
5. Why would the prophet not except food and drink from Jeroboam?

#### B. *Old Prophet Tells Young Prophet a Lie, 13:11-19*

6. Where did the old prophet find the young prophet?
7. What did the old prophet say to the young prophet to get him to go home with him? Was this true?

#### C. *Old Prophet Tells Young Prophet the Truth, 13:20-22*

8. What did God tell the old prophet?

#### D. *Young Prophet Dies Due to Old Prophets Lies, 13:23-32*

9. What happened to the young prophet?
10. What was strange about the scene of the lion, corpse, and donkey?

11. What did the old prophet do when he heard about what happened to the young prophet?
12. Why did the old prophet want to be buried with the young prophet?

*E. Young Prophets Truth Ignored by Jeroboam, 13:33,34*

13. Did Jeroboam repent at this point?

### **III. Sight of the Blind Prophet, 1 Kings 14**

*A. Blind Prophet Sees Disguised Queen, 14:1-6*

14. Why did Jeroboam send his wife to see Ahijah the prophet?

*B. Blind Prophet Sees Past Blessing and Present Sins of Jeroboam, 14:7-9*

15. How had Jeroboam done more evil than the previous kings?

*C. Blind Prophet Foresees Punishment on the house of Jeroboam, 14:10-20*

16. What will become of all Jeroboam's male descendants?
17. When was it prophesied that Abijah would die? When did he die?

### **IV. Punishment upon King Rehoboam, 14:21-31**

18. How did Judah provoke God to jealousy?
19. Who did God send against Judah? What did he do?

### **Application and Discussion:**

- 1) Was it fair for God to punish the young prophet for believing the old prophet's lie? Explain.



## Two Kingdoms at War

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### *1 Kings 15,16*

#### **V. Judah's Rulers, 15:1-24**

A. *Abijam, King of Judah, 15:1-8*

1. Why did God "set up a lamp in Jerusalem" for Abijam?

B. *Asa, King of Judah, 15:9-24*

2. What did Asa remove and banish from Judah?
3. What did he do for the Temple?
4. How did he react to the threat of Baasha who was building Ramah?
5. Was his plan successful? Was it pleasing to God? What did he do wrong? (See 2 Chron. 16:7-10).
6. How did he react when he was afflicted with a disease in his feet? (See 2 Chron. 16:12).

#### **VI. Israel's Rulers, 15:25-16-34**

A. *Nadab, King of Israel, 15:25-27*

7. Why was Nadab's reign so short?

B. *Baasha, King of Israel, 15:28 - 16:7*

8. Whose prophecy did Baasha fulfill and how did he fulfill it?

9. Why was the prophet Jehu sent to Baasha?

*C. Elah, King of Israel, 16:8-10*

11. Under what circumstances did Elah meet his end?

*D. Zimri, King of Israel, 16:11-20*

12. Whose prophecy did Zimri fulfill and how did he fulfill it?

13. How long did Zimri reign? How did he die?

*E. Omri, King of Israel, 16:21-28*

14. Where did Omri move his capital?

*F. Ahab, King of Israel, 16:29-34*

15. How wicked was Ahab?

16. What god did he serve?

17. What is the meaning of verse 34 (see Josh. 6:26)?

### **Application and Discussion:**

- 1) Jeroboam's sin set a pattern of evil copied by all subsequent kings of Israel. Give some illustrations from more recent history of how the sins and religious substitutes have influences subsequent generations to do evil.
  
- 2) David served as the standard of good kingship. What royal characteristics did he possess to make him great example of a king? Which of these can be applied to the life of Christians today?

## Two Visits Between Elijah & Ahab

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### *1 Kings 17,18*

#### **VII. Miracles of Survival, 1 Kings 17**

##### *A. Ravens Bring Food, 17:1-7*

1. How long would the drought last? When would rain return?
2. When, where, and how would Elijah survive the drought?

##### *B. Replenishing Brings Bread, 17:8-16*

3. To whom did God send Elijah?
4. What miracle did Elijah promise his hostess if she would feed him? How long would it last?

##### *C. Raising Brings Back a Son, 17:17-24*

5. What did the widow think was the cause of her son's death?
6. What did Elijah do in the raising of the dead son?
7. How did the widow respond to the raising of her son?

#### **VIII. Miracles of Revival, I Kings 18**

##### *A. Faithful Prophet Sent by the God of Heaven, 18:1-16*

8. How long had it been since Elijah first met with Ahab?

9. Who was Obadiah?
10. What had Obadiah done for the prophets?
11. How extensively had Ahab sought for Elijah?
12. What did Ahab call Elijah? Was this true?

*B. Faltering Over the God of Heaven, 18:20-24*

13. What did Elijah accuse the Israelites of doing?
14. How did the people respond to Elijah's challenge of the prophets of Baal?

*C. Four Hundred and Fifty Prophets Against the God of Heaven, 18:25-29*

15. What advantages did Elijah give the prophets of Baal?
16. What did Elijah say to mock the prophets of Baal?

*D. Fire Sent Down by the God of Heaven, 18:30-40*

17. What disadvantages did Elijah give himself when he was about to offer the bull?
18. What did the fire from heaven do?
19. How did the people respond? What happen to the prophets of Baal?

*E. Flood Waters Sent by the God of Heaven, 18:41-45a*

20. How many times did Elijah send his servant up to look out at the sea?

21. What did Elijah have Ahab do?

*F. Fleet of Foot from the God of Heaven, 18:45b,46*

22. How was Elijah able to beat Ahab's chariot to Jezreel?

**Application and Discussion:**

- 1) Elijah was dependent upon God for his life. Do Christians depend on God for all things? For what do we depend upon God daily? (See Matt. 6:19-34; Js. 1:17).
  
- 2) How can we challenge false religious as Elijah challenged the false prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel?

## Two Breakfasts & Two Battles

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### *1 Kings 19,20*

**IX. Elijah Overcomes Spiritual Burnout, 1 Kings 19**

*A. Elijah Whining and Resigning, 19:1-4*

1. Why did Elijah flee from Jezreel? To where did he flee?
2. Why did Elijah pray that he might die?

*B. Elijah Dining and Reclining, 19:5-8*

3. Who cooked Elijah breakfasts?
4. How long did this food nourish Elijah?

*C. Elijah's Reminding, 19:9-14*

5. What question did God ask Elijah twice? How accurate was his answer?
6. What four signs did God said to Elijah in the mountain cave? To which did he respond?

*D. Elijah's Reassigning, 19:15-18*

7. Who did God send Elijah to anoint?
8. How many were still faithful to God in Israel?

*E. Elijah Assigning, 19:19-21*

9. Where did Elijah find Elisha? What was Elisha doing?
10. What did Elisha do with the oxen and equipment? Why?

**X. Two Battles with Ben-Hadad of Syria, I Kings 20**

*A. Samaria Besieged, 20:1-21*

11. Who besieged Samaria?
12. What did he want from Ahab?
13. What is the meaning of Ahab's remarks to Ben-hadad in verse eleven?
14. When did the army of Ahab attack? Did they gain a victory?

*B. Aphek Seized, 20:22-34*

15. To what did the Syrians associate their defeat? What was their solution?
16. How many Syrians did the Israelites kill?
17. What did Ahab do with Ben-hadad?

*C. Ahab Displeased, 20:35-43*

18. What happened to the man who would not strike the son of the prophet?
19. How did the prophet's "action sermon" apply to Ahab?

### **Application and Discussion:**

- 1) *“Elijah was a man with a nature like ours...”* (Js. 5:17). After his mountain top victory he suffered deep depression in the desert with spiritual burnout. What helped him overcome his burnout? What can we do to overcome our spiritual burnout?
  
- 2) Ahab won the second battle with Ben-hadad, but he failed to gain the victory by executing Ben-hadad. To half-way obey the Lord is to complete disobey the Lord. How do Christians of today make the same mistake as did Ahab?



# Two Prophetic Condemnations

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## *1 Kings 21,22*

### **XI. Noboth's Vineyard, 1 Kings 21**

#### *A. Covetousness, 21:1-4*

1. Why did Ahab want Naboth's vineyard?
2. Why would Naboth not give it up?
3. What did Ahab offer?

#### *B. False Witnesses, 21:5-10*

4. How did Ahab react to Naboth's refusal?
5. What did Jezebel have the false witnesses say against Naboth?

#### *C. Murder, 21:11-13*

6. What happened to Naboth and his sons?

#### *D. Stealing, 21:14-16*

7. What finally got Ahab up out of his depression?
8. List the various ten commandments Ahab and Jezebel broke in acquiring Naboth's vineyard.

#### *E. Calamity, 21:17-24*

9. How did Ahab refer to Elijah?

10. What would happen to Ahab, Jezebel, and his descendants?

*F. Idolatry, 21:25,26*

11. Who encouraged Ahab in his evil?

*G. Humility Averts Calamity, 21:27-29*

12. Was Ahab truly repentant? Explain.

## **XII. Ahab Calls for War, 1 Kings 22:1-40**

*A. Ahab Calls for Jehoshaphat, 22:1-4*

13. How long did Ahab's treaty with Syria last?

14. What was Ahab's objective in going to war again with Syria?

*B. Ahab Calls for the 400 Prophets, 22:5-12*

15. Who all told Ahab to go up against Syria and receive victory?

16. How did Ahab feel about the prophet Micaiah?

17. What illustration did Zedekiah use?

*C. Ahab Calls for Micaiah, 22:13-28*

18. What to visions did Micaiah tell? What did they mean?

19. What became of Micaiah?

*D. Ahab Calls No More, 22:29-40*

20. Why did Ahab go into battle disguised?
21. How did Ahab die?

**XIII. Jehoshaphat, King of Judah, 22:41-50**

22. What good had he done?
23. What became of his merchant fleet?

**XIV. Ahaziah, King of Israel, 22:51-53**

24. What evil did he do?

**Application and Discussion:**

- 1) Throughout her marriage to Ahab, Jezebel “*stirred him up*” to do evil. Give some examples and precepts which show how good wives are to encourage their husbands in serving the Lord.
- 2) Ahab tried to avoid the Word of the Lord by imprisoning Micaiah and avoid the revealed Will of God by disguising himself. How do people today attempt to avoid the Word of God and the Will of God for their lives?