

Week 23
1 Kings 20, 22
Ahab

King Ahab takes us to the lowest point in the history of Israel. A point from which they will never recover. But the Lord is patient. There are people in Israel He will reach and save before the final captivity comes. Ahab began his reign in about 875 BC. He turned the capital of Samaria into the center of worship for Baal, the god of his wife Jezebel. Jezebel is the woman he wanted to marry, and Ahab was a perfect husband for her; weak and submissive. The Assyrian captivity is still 150 years in the future. Yes, the Lord is very patient.

The Outline:

1 Kings 20 Ahab's Enemy: Benhadad

- 20:1-25 The battle for Samaria
 - 1-12 Benhadad attacks from Syria
 - 13-25 Ahab defeats Benhadad
- 20:26-43 The battle for Aphek
 - 26-34 Ahab defeats Benhadad again
 - 35-43 Ahab disobeys and is judged

1 Kings 22 Ahab's Final Battle

- 22:1-4 Ahab makes an alliance with Jehoshaphat
- 22:5-12 Ahab's false prophets give counsel
- 22:13-28 Micaiah the true prophet gives the warning
- 22:29-40 Ahab is killed at Ramoth-Gilead
- [22:41-50 *Summary of the reign of Jehoshaphat*]
- [22:51-53 *Summary of the reign of Ahaziah*]