

The Death of Ahab

1 Kings 22

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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from the death of an evil leader.

Intro:

1. Ahab had a history of disobedience.
2. His death is a result of his evil deeds and rebellious nature.

I. Ahab & Jehoshaphat (v.1-4)

1. Ahab & Jehoshaphat agree to be allies in war. (against the Arameans)

II. Ahab & the prophets

A. The prophets of Ahab

1. The prophets of Ahab are men who do not prophesy truth. (v.5-6)
2. They advise Ahab to go to war (v.10-12)

B. The prophet of the Lord

1. The prophet as mentioned by Ahab (**v.7-9; Isaiah 30:10**)
2. The prophet (Micaiah) is brought before the King, but with a warning.
3. What he says (v.13-15)
 - a. The hated prophet then speaks the truth (v.16)
4. What he sees (v.17-23)
5. What he suggests (v. 24-28)

III. Ahab & his enemies

A. Ahab's spinelessness

1. Ahab doesn't dress in his usually stately apparel. (v.29-30)
2. The King of Syria commanded the captains of his chariots to kill King Ahab and no one else (v.31-33)

B. Ahab's camouflage does not provide escape from death

1. Ahab is killed by a random soldier shooting an arrow (v.34-37)
2. Ahab's blood is licked up by dogs just like God said in 1 Kings 21 (v.38-40).

IV. Lessons for us today.

A. Nothing good comes rejecting godly counsel (**Isa 51:1**)

1. Those who follow God's words avoid sin and possible disaster.
2. Ahab hated the prophet of God because he did not tell Ahab what he WANTED to hear.
3. Instead of being humble and repenting of sin (**Pro 29:23**), Ahab tried to find of way to continue his sinful lifestyle.

B. The evil cannot escape God (v.34-35).

1. Those determined to do evil, while ignore logical sound advice and appeal to wickedness and selfish pride instead.
2. We find some take vengeance on God's messenger just as Ahab threatened Michiah (v. 26-27; **Jeremiah 18:18**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Rebellion against God does not bring spiritual prosperity.
2. Being like Ahab will only bring condemnation.
3. Rebellion does not lead to lasting prosperity.
4. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9