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OPENING PRAYER

Review: *1 KINGS – Chapter 20* – Ahab Defeats the Syrians; The Syrians Again Defeated; Ahab's Treaty with Ben-Hadad; Ahab Condemned!

***1 KINGS – Chapter 21* – Naboth is Murdered for His Vineyard – (vs. 1-16); **The LORD Condemns Ahab** – (vs. 17-29); *Chapter 22* – Micaiah Warns Ahab – (vs. 1-28); **Ahab Dies in Battle** – (vs. 29-40); **Jehoshaphat Reigns in Judah** – (vs. 41-50); **Ahaziah Reigns in Israel** – (vs. 51-53)!**

NABOTH'S VINEYARD

1Ki 21:1-3 And it came to pass after these things that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel, next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. [2] So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near, next to my house; and for it I will give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money." [3] But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!"

- **Naboth has a vineyard right next to Ahab's palace** in Jezreel. Ahab had a palace also in Samaria. In fact, the ruins of his palace in Samaria are still there to the present day. But he also had a palace in Jezreel, which was about twenty-five miles from Samaria. He began to covet this vineyard that belonged to Naboth. It seemed to be an ideal place for his vegetable garden. Jezreel is a very beautiful site.

- **Naboth did not want to relinquish the vineyard for it was the family inheritance.** It was really considered a sacred trust. It would pass down through the family from generation to generation, and it was the obligation to hold together the family trust, as a sacred obligation.
- **Notice that he says that “The LORD forbid that I should give.”** He did not want to do this. Because he felt this obligation before the Lord, to hold together the family trust. The family inheritance, and such was the law of Moses.

1Ki 21:4 So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, “I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.” And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food.

- **Ahab was sulking and pouting over the fact that he could not have that vineyard.** Now, the law of God, in Exodus, repeated in Deuteronomy, chapter five declares that “*Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thy neighbor’s wife, thy neighbor’s servant, his ox, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.*” **Coveting is a sin.** In the New Testament coveting is listed alongside adultery, murder, fornication, and lewdness. We are not prone to think of covetousness as a very bad sin, but if you will look at it in the bible, in the various places where it is listed, it really is a heinous sin, because it is out of covetousness that so many other evil things arise.
- **Here, in the case of Ahab, the coveting of that field, led to the false charges against Naboth,** his being put to death, and Ahab stealing the field. In the case of David coveting his neighbor’s wife, it led him to the murder of her husband Uriah. It led to adultery with Bathsheba. Jesus said that we should beware of covetousness. For He declared that “A man’s life does not consist of the abundance of things that he possesses.”
- **There is a common lie that Satan uses on us, and that is that “we would be happy if we just had.... – fill in the blank.** Because you know the trinket that he is holding out to you, and saying, “My, you would be so happy if you just had this.” That is a fallacy! He causes us to begin to covet after these things, crave and yearn. Coveting leads to so many other horrible things.
- **A man’s life does not consist of the abundance of the things that he possesses.** A man’s life consists in his relationship with God. In this case, coveting made Ahab miserable, and that is usually the effect that coveting has upon you.

1Ki 21:5-7 But Jezebel his wife came to him, to the bedroom to see what was wrong, and said to him, “Why is your spirit so sullen that you eat no food?” [6] He said to her, “Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, ‘Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it.’ And he answered, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’ ” [7] Then Jezebel his wife said to him, “You now exercise authority over Israel! “What is wrong with you? Is that the way for a king to act?” Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.”

- **Jezebel did not have any idea about an inheritance in the land, the importance in the law of Moses.** She said, “You are the king. Get up and eat. What is wrong with you? Do you want the vineyard? I will get you the vineyard. What an example of a godless wife leading her spiritually weak husband downward!”

1Ki 21:8-15 And she wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in the city with Naboth. [9] She wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with high honor among the people; [10] and seat two men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him, saying, You have blasphemed God and the king. Then take him out, and stone him, that he may die. [11] So the men of his city, the elders and nobles who were inhabitants of his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them. [12] They proclaimed a fast, and seated Naboth with high honor among the people. [13] And two men, scoundrels, came in and sat before him; and the scoundrels witnessed against him, against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, “Naboth has blasphemed God and the king!” Then they took him outside the city and stoned him with stones, so that he died. [14] Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, “Naboth has been stoned and is dead.” [15] And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, “Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead.”

- “Take it, Ahab” **The poor fool** rejected the money, so now, “you can have it.”
- **Jezebel had Naboth’s sons killed also so there were no heirs to the property.** No redeeming of the property of Naboth’s heirs at the end of seven years or at the Jubilee. She is ruthless, killing Naboth’s sons. Then they sent to Jezebel saying Naboth is stoned and is dead. The problem is gone. **(2Ki 9:26a) ‘Surely I saw yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons,’ says the LORD, ‘and I will repay you in this plot,’ says the LORD. Now therefore, take and throw him on the plot of ground, according to the word of the LORD.**”

1Ki 21:16 So it was, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab got up and went down to take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

THE LORD CONDEMNS AHAB

1Ki 21:17-18 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, [18] "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who lives in Samaria. There he is, in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down to take possession of it.

- **Here is the horrible evil result of this coveting. Perpetrated by Jezebel against this man**, to satisfy the cravings of her husband. Setting Naboth up, that he might be put to death. Now, under the law if two or three witnesses, would bear witness against a person, saying that he had blasphemed God, that person was to be stoned to death. The facts are falsely established. Wicked men, who are bearing this witness against Naboth. He is taken out and his sons with him, all of them stoned to death.
- **Elijah had fled from Ahab, and had gone on north, and anointed Hazael, to be the king over Syria.** He had anointed Elisha to be the prophet in his stead. Now the LORD is sending him to meet Ahab again, and He has told him where he was. He is in the field of Naboth, of which he has taken possession.

1Ki 21:19 You shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "Have you murdered and also taken?" ' And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours."

- *(1Ki 21:13b) Then they took him (Naboth) outside the city and stoned him with stones, so that he died.)*
- **The LORD holds Ahab responsible.** Ahab was the king, not Jezebel. Ahab was the one who was responsible for the way things happened in Israel. God holds him responsible for the murder and for what took place. Elijah says the dogs are going to drink your blood, Ahab, where they drank the blood of Naboth. And regarding Jezebel, *the dogs are going to eat her body by the wall of Jezreel.*

1Ki 21:20-22 So Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" (It has been about 8 years since Mount Carmel) And he answered, "I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the LORD: [21] 'Behold, I will bring calamity on you. I will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab every male in Israel, both bond and free. [22] I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked Me to anger, and made Israel sin.'

- **Now both Jeroboam, and Baasha were kings of Israel before Ahab.** Both were cut off completely. Their dynasties were cut off, all their descendants were slain, because of their wickedness. Now God is promising the same thing to Ahab. His posterity is to be completely cut off because of this and other sins before the LORD.

1Ki 21:23 And concerning Jezebel the LORD also spoke, saying, 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.'

- **Not only will the dogs lick your blood, but they will eat your wife.** It is interesting when dogs eat a body, they will eat everything but the palms and the soles of the feet. So, Jezebel's palms and soles were left, fulfilled in (2Ki 9:35-36).

1Ki 21:24-25 The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Ahab and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field.

AHAB'S REPENTANCE [25] But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up.

- **She was the one behind the scenes**, stirring up her husband to his evil deeds. Wives have great influence on the lives of their husbands and we should remember that.

1Ki 21:26 And he behaved very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites had done, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

- **The Amorites were cast out of the land, because of their wickedness.** Now God's people are doing the very same things! What a tragedy, when the people of God, turn against the ways of the Lord, and do wickedness. Ahab is outdoing the wickedness of the Amorites, whom God destroyed!

1Ki 21:27-29 So it was, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his body, and fasted and lay in sackcloth, and went about mourning. [28] And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, [29] "See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will

not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son (his son, Joram, who was killed by Jehu) I will bring the calamity on his house."

- **Note the wonderful grace and mercy of God!** That is something that always amazes me. It is so great the way God is merciful. If a person turns, no matter how deeply they have gone into sin, no matter how far they have gone down the tubes, if they will turn and humble themselves before God, He is gracious! God is merciful! That should bring hope to many people who have made a mess of their lives. Who have turned their backs on God, who have tasted the depths of sin and iniquity.
- **Even though Ahab was guilty of leading others into vile practices, causing God's judgment to be pronounced,** because of his turning to God, fasting, humbling himself, God said, "All right, I will fulfill it in his son's life, but not in his. The things that happen will happen to his son, and not to him." Mercy, grace. Is there no end to the mercy and the grace of God? Surely, we have not found it!
- **God's mercy and His grace! There is a God for that kind of person, the God of the Bible, who still is reaching out to Ahab, the worst king that Israel ever had up to this point in time. There is nobody beyond His grace and His forgiveness, but it requires more than humbling oneself. It requires repenting of my sin and putting my faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of that sin and then beginning a personal relationship with God.**

AHAB AND THE FALSE PROPHETS

1Ki 22:1 Now three years passed without war between Syria and Israel.

- **According to history, the Assyrian empire had begun to grow in strength.** There was war between Syria and Assyria. This probably accounts for the peace with Israel at that time. Ben-Hadad was busily engaged against the Assyrians and stopped the yearly face-off with Israel for three years.

1Ki 22:2 Then it came to pass, in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went down to visit the king of Israel.

- **Here is a strange combination. From the time of the division of the nation, there had never been any real fellowship** between the kings. But Jehoshaphat the son of Asa, a good king, came unto Ahab, an extremely wicked king. What could bring these two kings together? The daughter of Ahab, Athaliah, had married Jehoram, also spelled Joram, the son of Jehoshaphat. The two families were brought together by marriage. Athaliah became a horrible influence in the southern kingdom of Judah.

1Ki 22:3 And the king of Israel said to his servants, "Do you know that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, but we hesitate to take it out of the hand of the king of Syria?"

- **When Ahab had captured the Syrian king,** he said he would give back the cities that his father had taken from Ahab's father. Because he did not keep his word, Ramoth Gilead was still under Syrian control. It was a fortified city in Jordan. Jehoshaphat said, "That is ours! But we do not possess it."

1Ki 22:4 So he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to fight at Ramoth Gilead?" Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "I am as you are my people as your people (not true Jehoshaphat!), my horses as your horses."

- **One of the weaknesses in Jehoshaphat's life is this area of compromise** relative to other people. He buckles when unbelieving friends or relatives want to beckon him into their behavior or to get involved in something with them. He should never have allowed his son Jehoram, also spelled Joram, to marry Jezebel's daughter!
- **Avoid ungodly alliances! This is a good lesson for us in that we are to hold true to the Word of God, to the truth of God, when we have either relatives or we have good friends that want to drag us into some of things they are into. Be careful and do not compromise! Learn to say "No!"**

1Ki 22:5 Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please inquire for the word of the LORD today."

- Let us seek the guidance from the LORD! Let us see if He is in this.
- **Avoid action before prayer! Here is a weakness in Jehoshaphat. He makes decisions and then prays, whereas he, and we need to pray before making a decision!**

1Ki 22:6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall I go against Ramoth Gilead to fight, or shall I refrain?" So they said, "Go up, for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king."

- **They could have been the prophets of Asherah.** Elijah had killed the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal. Or they could have been the priests who were overseeing the worship of the calves, in Dan and in Bethel. They are called prophets of Ahab.

- *And they said, go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king. Notice the word “Lord” there. It is capital L, small “ord,” which indicates that it is the translation of the Hebrew word, Adoni. These were not prophets of Jehovah. These were some other prophets. They do not prophecy in the name of Jehovah, but in Adoni.*
- **When we say, “Lord,” we are talking about Jesus**, because we have acknowledged Him, the Lord of our lives. We have surrendered our lives to Him, and we laid claim to Him as our Lord. But when these people were talking about the Lord, we just really do not know if it was Ashtoreth, or to whom they had submitted their lives.

1Ki 22:7 And Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not still a prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of Him?"

- **Jehoshaphat does not feel right about what is going on right now**. He is not at peace. One of the ways that the Lord uses to lead us is by His peace. And it is an important way that He leads us. *(Col 3:15) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.*
- **May I, we never go against our peace of God! Pray whatever it is until you have the direction from Him that gives you the most peace. Make your decision for your next step. Continue to pray for what will come after that!**

1Ki 22:8-12 So the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may inquire of the LORD; but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil." And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say such things!" [9] Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, "Bring Micaiah the son of Imlah quickly!" [10] The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, having put on their robes, sat each on his throne, at a threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. [11] Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made horns of iron for himself; and he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'With these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed.' " [12] And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for the LORD will deliver it into the king's hand."

- *Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not a prophet here of the LORD. Notice it is capital L, capital O, capital R, capital D. Whenever you see it in all capitals, it is indicating the translation of the Hebrew YHVH, which they used for the consonants for the name of Jehovah, or Yahweh, or however it was pronounced. "Is there not still a prophet of the LORD here?"*
- **These prophets are now putting on a little show for the two kings**. The one guy, Zedekiah, made these horns of iron, put them on his head, began to run around and say, “Thus shall you push the Syrians until you’ve utterly destroyed them.” All the other guys saying, “Go up! For the LORD will deliver it!”

MICAHIAH PROPHECIES AGAINST AHAB

1Ki 22:13-14 Then the messenger who had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Now listen, the words of the prophets with one accord encourage the king. Please, let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak encouragement." [14] And Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, whatever the LORD says to me, that I will speak."

- Notice how that Micaiah just throws off that pressure. His life is very simple and carefree. Whatever God tells me to say, whatever His word is in this situation, which is what I am going to say. Whether it costs me my life or it puts me in hot water or it costs me my reputation, this is what I am going to do!
- **How much Micaiah is in my walk to speak or to do whatever the LORD says to me? Am I free on that? To simply do what He tells me to do?**

1Ki 22:15 Then he came to the king; and the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall we refrain?" And he answered (sarcastically) him, "Go and prosper, for the LORD will deliver it into the hand of the king!"

- **No doubt Micaiah said it in a sarcastic way, so that the king realized that he was not sincere**. It is obvious that he answered him in a very insincere, “Yeah, go ahead. The LORD prospers you...,” he said it in such a way that Ahab realized that he was not telling him the truth.

1Ki 22:16-17 So the king said to him, "How many times shall I make you swear that you tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?" [17] Then he said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, 'These have no master. Let each return to his house in peace.'"

- **Do you want to know the truth? You are going to get it. The shepherd is going to be killed!** I saw all the people of Israel scattered on the mountain, like sheep without a shepherd.

1Ki 22:18 *And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?"*

- Ahab said that Micaiah is true to form. I told you about him.

1Ki 22:19 *Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven (fallen and unfallen angels) standing by, on His right hand and on His left.*

- (Isa 6:1) *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.*
- (Job 2:1-2) *Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. [2] And the LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."*

1Ki 22:20 *And the LORD said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner.*

- Who will go and persuade Ahab to go into battle, that he might be slain in battle?" Different suggestions were made. One said, "Well, this," the other said, "That."

1Ki 22:21 *Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will persuade him.'*

- Finally, one came up, a spirit (demonic spirit, fallen angel) came up and said, "I'll go and I'll persuade him."

1Ki 22:22 *The LORD said to him, 'In what way?' So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the LORD said, 'You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.'*

- The LORD said, "How?" "I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of his prophets." The LORD said, "You go."
- Ahab had been warned, warned, and warned and had not yielded. Now it seems like the LORD says, "Go out and do so." I am taking him to the battlefield to end his life, bring him there.

1Ki 22:23 *Therefore look! The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you."*

- The LORD is not doing this secretly. He sends Micaiah to say to Ahab what is happening. The LORD has given the lying spirit permission to talk through your four hundred cronies. What is happening here is they are all deceiving you because the LORD said, let it happen so that you can be as stubborn as you will, ending up on the battlefield and dying. That is what is happening here, King Ahab.
- Here is an example of how God can overrule something and make it serve His purposes. The LORD declared to this evil spirit to go forward, being successful because this is a man who does not want any contact with My truth. When a person rejects God's truth in this world, all you are left with are lies. This person is then completely set up to follow the lies they encounter.
- The Bible says that will occur in the world following the Rapture of the church and into the Great Tribulation. (2Th 2:9-12) *The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, [10] and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. [11] And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, [12] that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

1Ki 22:24 *Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near and struck Micaiah on the cheek, and said, "Which way did the spirit from the LORD go from me to speak to you?"*

- Zedekiah, who had contradicted Micaiah's prophecy to the king, was angry. He struck Micaiah on the cheek, which was a deeply humiliating.

1Ki 22:25 *And Micaiah said, "Indeed, you shall see on that day when you go into an inner chamber to hide!"*

- You shall see it! When the king is slain, and you are going to be proved to be a false servant. You are going to try and hide in an inner chamber someplace.

1Ki 22:26-28 *So the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon the governor of the city and to Joash the king's son; [27] and say, 'Thus says the king: "Put this fellow in prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and water of affliction (dry bread and water), until I come in peace." [28] But Micaiah said, "If you ever return in peace, the LORD has not spoken by me." And he said, "Take heed, all you people!"*

- Ahab says to put him in jail until I come back in peace. Micaiah responded that if you come back in peace, God has not spoken by me."

AHAB KILLED IN BATTLE

1Ki 22:29-30 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Gilead. [30] And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and go into battle; but you put on your robes." So the king of Israel disguised himself and went into battle.

- He just went in, disguised as one of the troops, just to get into the fray. At this point, Jehoshaphat most certainly should have said, "no way"! He did not have peace with situation. He had heard the truth from Micaiah! Jehoshaphat has a problem with saying "No"!
- **How well have I learned to say "no," when I sense that it is not God's perfect will to do so? How faithful am I to say no to things that are sinful; and "yes" to the things that are godly and right?**

1Ki 22:31 Now the king of Syria had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, saying, "Fight with no one small or great, but only with the king of Israel."

- Concentrate your attack against the king of Israel because if we kill him, then they will have no leader and will retreat. But here's poor Jehoshaphat, he has the king's robes on. Because Ahab has gone into battle, taking off his robes, saying, "Here you wear my robes." So, here is Jehoshaphat, sitting innocently in the chariot watching the battle. The thirty-two captains see the chariot and the guy in the king's robes and all.

1Ki 22:32 So it was, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, "Surely it is the king of Israel!" Therefore they turned aside to fight against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out.

- I mean, "I'm getting out of here!"

1Ki 22:33-34 And it happened, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. [34] Now a certain man drew a bow at random, and struck the king of Israel (Ahab) between the joints of his armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded."

- Here is an arrow that is just shot, not being aimed at anybody, striking King Ahab right between joints of his armor! Seeing that he was wounded, Ahab ordered the chariot driver to get him out of there.

1Ki 22:35-38 The battle increased that day; and the king was propped up in his chariot, facing the Syrians, and died at evening. The blood ran out from the wound onto the floor of the chariot. [36] Then, as the sun was going down, a shout went throughout the army, saying, "Every man to his city, and every man to his own country!" [37] So the king died, and was brought to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria. [38] Then someone washed the chariot at a pool in Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood while the harlots bathed, according to the word of the LORD which He had spoken.

- This was an accomplishment of a prophecy, that when they brought the chariot to the pool of Samaria, to be washed, the dogs gathered about it and, *licked the blood.*
- Now Naboth's blood was avenged (1Ki 21:19), *You shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "Have you murdered and also taken possession?" ' And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours."* The word of David, as well as Elijah's word, was fulfilled (Psa 68:23) *That your foot may crush them in blood, And the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from your enemies."*

1Ki 22:39-44 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, the ivory house which he built (Beautiful ivory palace and all, which is told about in history) and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [40] So Ahab rested with his fathers. Then Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

JEHOSHAPHAT REIGNS IN JUDAH [41] *Jehoshaphat the son of Asa had become king over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. [42] Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. [43] And he walked in all the ways of his father Asa. He did not turn aside from them, doing what was right in the eyes of the LORD. Nevertheless the high places were not taken away, for the people offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. [44] Also Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.*

- Jehoshaphat was a good king in Judah, but it was a grievous thing that his son Jehoram (also spelled Joram) married Ahab's daughter!

1Ki 22:45-46 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, the might that he showed, and how he made war, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [46] And the rest of the perverted persons, who remained in the days of his father Asa, he banished from the land.

- The homosexuals had begun to demand public recognition and acceptance, and his father, Asa started to get rid of them, Jehoshaphat finished the job. They got all the sodomites out of the land.

1Ki 22:47-49 There was then no king in Edom, only a deputy of the king. [48] Jehoshaphat made merchant ships to go to Ophir for gold; but they never sailed, for the ships were wrecked at Ezion Geber. [49] Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "Let my servants go with your servants in the ships." But Jehoshaphat would not.

- Good for Jehoshaphat, he says “no”! He had previous experiences with joining up with King Ahab, Ahaziah’s father. He was fortunate to get out with his life, and so he is not going to do that again.

1Ki 22:50 And Jehoshaphat rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. Then Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

- Jehoram (Joram) unfortunately was a bad king, under the influence of his wife, Athaliah.

AHAZIAH REIGNS IN ISRAEL

1Ki 22:51-53 Ahaziah the son of Ahab became king over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel. [52] He did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father (Ahab) and in the way of his mother (Jezebel) and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin; [53] for he served Baal and worshiped him, and provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger, according to all that his father had done.

- We see the deterioration of the nation of Israel, under the wicked kings. We begin now, to see a downward movement among Judah, under the new king, Jehoram (not the King Jehoram of Israel) as we move into Second Kings. We will see how Judah also begins to deteriorate.

SUMMARY -

- **God’s mercy and His grace.** The God of the Bible, who still is reaching out to Ahab, the worst king that Israel ever had up to this point in time. There is nobody beyond His grace and His forgiveness, but it requires more than humbling oneself. It requires repenting of my sin and putting my faith in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of that sin and then beginning a personal relationship with God.
- **Avoid ungodly alliances!** This is a good lesson for us in that we are to hold true to the Word of God, to the truth of God, when we have either relatives or we have good friends that want to drag us into some of things they are into. Be careful and do not compromise!
- **Avoid action before prayer! Here is a weakness in Jehoshaphat.** He makes decisions and then prays, whereas he, and we need to pray before making a decision!
- **May I, may we, never go against our peace** of God! Pray whatever it is until you have the direction from Him that gives you the most peace. Make your decision for your next step. Continue to pray for what will come after that!
- **How much Micaiah is in my walk** to speak or do whatever the LORD says to me? Am I free on that? To simply do what He tells me to do?
- **How well have I learned to say “no,”** when I sense that it is not God’s perfect will to do so? How faithful am I to say no to things that are sinful; and “yes” to the things that are godly and right?
- **May we never go against our peace of God!**

HE IS OUR PEACE - Maranatha! Music (3:04/3:07)

He is our peace Who has broken down every wall, He is our peace, He is our peace.

He is our peace Who has broken down every wall, He is our peace, He is our peace.

Cast all your cares on Him, For He cares for you, He is our peace, He is our peace.

Cast all your cares on Him, For He cares for you, He is our peace, He is our peace. (2X)

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Study II Kings, Chapters 1-3.