

Micaiah

1 Kings 22:1-28

2 Chronicles 18:1-27

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King Jehoshaphat of Judah went to visit King Ahab of Israel. They decided to join forces against Aram in order to retake Ramoth Gilead. Before marching out, Jehoshaphat suggested, "Let's ask the Lord about this first."

Ahab brought in about four hundred pagan prophets and asked, "Should I go to war or not?"

They all agreed, "Attack! The Lord will give you victory."

The leading prophet put on a set of iron horns, pretended to be a bull, and declared, "You will gore the Arameans until they are destroyed."

Jehoshaphat asked, "Isn't there a true prophet of the Lord we can ask?"

Ahab replied, "Well there's Micaiah, but I don't like him. He always gives me bad news." Jehoshaphat persuaded him. Ahab asked Micaiah, "Should I attack the Arameans at Ramoth Gilead?"

He replied, "Yes! The Lord will help you defeat them."

Ahab was skeptical, "Tell me the truth! What does the Lord really say?"

Micaiah replied, "I saw all Israel wandering aimlessly like sheep without a shepherd." Then he added, "All these prophets have lied to you. The Lord knows you will soon be defeated."

Ahab's leading prophet slapped Micaiah and asked, "How do we know you're not lying?"

Micaiah answered, "You'll find out on the day you try to hide in an inner room."

Ahab had Micaiah arrested. "Lock him up and don't give him anything but bread and water until I come back safely."

Micaiah said to Ahab, "If you do come back, I was wrong." Then he implored the people, "Remember what I've said."