

# The Kings of Judah and Israel

LESSON #27 | God Sends a Lying Spirit to Confound Ahab

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## 2 Chronicles 18:4-8

**4** And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

**5** Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver it into the king's hand.

**6** But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?

**7** And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

**8** And the king of Israel called for one of his officers, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.

Read the following statements, write "True" if the statement is correct, or "False" if the statement is wrong. For wrong statements, correct the error in the lines below. You may leave the lines blank if the statement is true.

1. When Jehoshaphat requested that Ahab enquire of the LORD if they should indeed go to Ramothgilead to battle or not, Ahab gathered and consulted 400 prophets of the LORD.

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2. Micaiah the son of Imla was a true prophet of the LORD. [\_\_\_\_\_]

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3. Ahab loved Micaiah because he always prophesied good and not evil. [\_\_\_\_\_]

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4. Ahab hated Micaiah because he always prophesied falsely and not truthfully. [\_\_\_\_\_]

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## **2 Chronicles 18:9-11**

**9** And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne,... and all the prophets prophesied before them.

**10** And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until they be consumed.

**11** And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramothgilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

5. Zedekiah, who was probably one of the 400 prophets, made horns of iron, and he imitated the true prophets of the LORD by saying "thus saith the LORD", to assure the kings that they will prosper in their conquest of Ramothgilead. [\_\_\_\_\_]

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## **2 Chronicles 18:12-17**

**12** And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one assent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good.

**13** And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.

**14** And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.

**15** And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?

**16** Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace.

**17** And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good unto me, but evil?

6. The messenger who called Micaiah pressurized the him to prophesy like the rest of the 400 prophets and support the kings' plan to conquer Ramothgilead. [\_\_\_\_\_]

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7. Micaiah agreed with the messenger that he would prophesy like the rest of the 400 prophets and support the kings' plan to conquer Ramothgilead. [\_\_\_\_\_]

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8. When Micaiah approached the kings, he ironically said, "Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand". Micaiah used a mocking tone to make fun of the situation. Micaiah also purposely omitted the phrase, "Thus said the LORD". Ahab sensed his mockery and realised that he did not speak in the name of the LORD. So he said, "How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?" [\_\_\_\_\_]
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9. Circle the option which contains the correct words to fill in the blanks below:

And Micaiah said, As the LORD \_\_\_\_\_, even what my God \_\_\_\_\_,  
that will I \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Chron 18:13)

(i) liveth; sings; sing

(iii) liveth; saith; speak

(ii) reigns; saith; say

(iv) reigns; sings sing