

Major Event: Decline of the Kingdom

Lesson 3: Ahab (Israel 874 - 853)

Scriptures: I Kings 16:29- 22:40

Central Text:

I Kings 16:30, 31; 17:1; 18:1, 17, 21, 27, 36-40; 19:1, 21:2, 19; 22: 3, 12, 17, 20, 34, 37, 38

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

1. God's overview of Ahab's reign in Israel (I Kings 16:29-33).
2. Ahab's marriage to a foreign wife with false gods (I Kings 16:31).
3. Ahab's dealings with God's prophet Elijah (I Kings 17:1-18:46; 19:1,2)
4. Prophet Micaiah predicts Ahab's defeat (I Kings 22: 14-28) Ahab's death at Ramoth-Gilead (I Kings 22: 34-37) Jezebel's death (2 Kings 9:10, 33)

Suggested Attributes:

Of God: Justice, Veracity.

Of Man: A sinful, rebellious heart in Ahab

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home: Isaiah 42:8; Deut. 28:15ff

Notes: Remind students of the split kingdom at this time in the nation's history (using a map if available). Remind them that none of the kings of Israel (North) were good kings and Ahab is said to have done more evil than all his predecessors (I Kings 16:30). Highlight God's hatred for idolatry and His fulfilled prophecies to judge idolatry. The teacher may want to review God's promises of cursing in the Mosaic covenant (Deut. 28:15ff).