

Reading: I Kings 20:1-21

Topic: Lessons From King Ahab

INTRODUCTION: One of the benefits of being alive _____ is that we can look back and learn from the experiences of _____ people, both their mistakes and their victories.

I. THE KING AHAB:

A. Not A Good King:

1. King Ahab came from a line of evil Kings of Israel and to make matters _____, he married a woman named Jezebel who was a very _____ lady and a worshipper of the false god Baal. I Kings 16:31,32
2. King Ahab had the notorious dishonor of being the _____ of the _____ of all of the wicked Kings that Israel had. I Kings 21:25,26

B. A Few Good Moments:

1. After receiving a severe judgment message from the prophet _____, King Ahab humbled himself before the Lord and his change of _____ got God's attention. I Kings 21:27-29
2. Another brighter moment in the life of King Ahab occurred when he was _____ by God to defeat the Syrians and their evil _____ Benhadad, and from that story we will learn some lessons from Ahab.

II. LESSONS FROM THE STORY:

A. The Enemy Comes:

1. The wicked king of Syria brought his great _____ along with thirty-two other kings and horses and chariots, and surrounded the _____ of Samaria, the capital of Israel. I Kings 20:1
2. When you are a child of God, be aware that the _____ is going to come, not a matter of if he will come but _____ he will come. I Pt. 5:8

B. The Enemy's Demands:

1. The wicked King Benhadad boldly made his demands known to King Ahab, claiming all of his _____, his wives and his children for _____ own. I Kings 20:2,3
2. Remember that when the adversary comes to attack a child of God, it is always to _____ you of your spiritual blessings and victories. Jn. 10:10

C. The Surrender To The Enemy's Demands:

1. The unfortunate and sad thing is that King Ahab _____ in to the demands of the wicked enemy and gives no resistance to the _____ of Benhadad on his family and money. I Kings 20:4
2. It is important for us as children of God to not just _____ up nor _____ in to the enemy when he shows up to _____ us of our spiritual territory. I Pt. 5:9

D. The Enemy Demands More:

1. Even when King Ahab surrendered so easily to the demands of the enemy it wasn't _____ to satisfy the wicked adversary, he came again and demanded even _____ from Ahab. I Kings 20:5,6
2. You may think that you can make an agreement with the adversary and then he will leave you _____

but nothing could be further from the _____, he will always come to demand even more. Eph. 4:27

E. Consultation With the Elders:

1. King Ahab realizes that he is in a real difficult situation and he makes one wise _____ and that is to consult with the _____ of the land for their input and advice. I Kings 20:7,8
2. This is a lesson that every child of God needs to _____ and that is when you are under attack from the adversary, you need to reach out to some spiritual _____ who will give you help. I Cor. 12:21,22

F. Standing Up To the Enemy:

1. After consultation with the elders, King Ahab finally takes a _____ against the demands of the enemy and refuses to let the enemy into his _____ to take everything. I Kings 20:9
2. Being part of the Body of Christ gives us access to a _____ of strength that will help us to stand up to the devil and his _____ who try to take everything from us. Ecc. 4:9,10

G. The Enemy's Boast:

1. The wicked King Benhadad makes his boast that Samaria will be _____ out and turned to dust by the time that he gets through with attacking them. I Kings 20:10
2. One of the few wise things that King Ahab ever said comes out of his _____ as he sends a message back to the _____ - 'don't boast before the fight, you can boast when it's over.' I Kings 20:11

H. The Battle Belongs To the Lord:

1. Though the King of Syria is confident of wiping out Israel, the Almighty God has other _____, and even though they are vastly outnumbered, God promises _____ for Ahab and his small group. I Kg 20:13-15
2. Remember, that you as a child of God are the majority if God is _____ you – for if God be for us, who can stand against us! I Kings 20:20,21

I. The Warning – The Enemy Will Try Again:

1. The prophet came back to the King of Israel and _____ him a warning that the Syrian king would come back and try again to defeat them in another _____ and they should prepare ahead of time. I Kg 20:22
2. Remember that in the life of the child of God, after a great _____ in a battle, we cannot let our guard down for our adversary will be _____ for another attack to try to defeat us. Eph. 6:13

J. Victory Again:

1. The wicked King Benhadad comes back again for another _____ on Israel and again there is a man of God who comes with another word from God that the _____ is coming! I Kings 20:28
2. There was a tense stand-off for seven _____ and then the battle began and what a great _____ the Lord gave to His people over the enemy. I Kings 20:29,30

K. Ahab's Big Mistake:

1. When the enemy could not defeat King Ahab with _____, he came back in a subtle way to deceive him by getting his sympathy and then making a covenant of _____ with Ahab. I Kings 20:31-34
2. Remember – a child of God must not make any _____ with the devil or his kingdom because the adversary is subtle like a _____ and he will poison you in the end. 2 Cor. 11:3

L. God's Displeasure With Ahab:

1. God sent another prophet to King Ahab with a message this time that he did not want to _____ - it was that this big mistake is going to _____ you dearly! I Kings 20:38-43
2. May we as children of God in the end times be wise and learn from the _____ of Ahab – fight the good fight of _____ and never make a treaty with the _____! James 4:4