

THE ARROW AND THE MANGER

1 Kings 22

Big Idea: *God has spoken and His word brings life to those who listen.*

¹ Three years passed without war between Aram and Israel. ² In the third year Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. ³ Now the king of Israel said to his servants, 'Do you know that Ramoth-gilead belongs to us, and we are still doing nothing to take it out of the hand of the king of Aram?' ⁴ And he said to Jehoshaphat, 'Will you go with me to battle at Ramoth-gilead?' And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, 'I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.' ⁵ Moreover, Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, 'Please inquire first for the word of the Lord.' 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 battle or shall I refrain?' And they said, 'Go up, for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king.' ⁷ But Jehoshaphat said, 'Is there not yet a prophet of the Lord here that we may inquire of him?' ⁸ The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, 'There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the Lord, but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. He is Micaiah son of Imlah.' But Jehoshaphat said, 'Let not the king say so.' ⁹ Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, 'Bring quickly Micaiah son of Imlah.'"

1. Micaiah spoke the truth; _____ .

¹⁷ "So he said, I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, like sheep which have no shepherd. And the Lord said, 'These have no master. Let each of them return to his house in peace.' ¹⁸ Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, 'Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?'"

Hebrews 1:1-2 "God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world."

John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'"

2. Micaiah warned of judgment; _____ .

³⁴ "Now a certain man drew his bow at random and struck the king of Israel in a joint of the armor. So he said to the driver of his chariot, 'Turn around and take me out of the fight; for I am severely wounded.' ³⁵ The battle raged that day, and the king was propped up in his chariot in front of the Arameans, and died at evening, and the blood from the wound ran into the bottom of the chariot."

Job 14:5 "Since his days are determined, The number of his months is with You; And his limits You have set so that he cannot pass."

Hebrews 9:27 "And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this *comes* judgment."

John 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life."

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