

~MICAIAH 2 (402)

(Mi-cai'ah) [Who Is Like Yehowah?]

- Son of Imlah and a prophet of Yehowah to the northern kingdom of Israel during King Ahab's reign.
- T that the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat; There is still one man through whom to inquire of Yehowah, but I myself certainly hate him, for he does not prophesy good things concerning me but bad, **Micaiah** the son of Imlah. However, Jehoshaphat said; Do not let the king say a thing like that. (**1 Kings 22:8**)
- While King Jehoshaphat of Judah was visiting Ahab, the Israelite king invited him to join in a military campaign against the Syrians to regain possession of Ramoth-gilead. Before accepting, Jehoshaphat asked that the word of Yehowah be sought.
- So Ahab summoned 400 prophets and asked them; Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead in war, or shall I refrain? They answered in the affirmative, saying that Yehowah would give the city into the king's hand.
- However, Jehoshaphat wanted more assurance, whereupon Ahab reluctantly sent for **Micaiah**, the prophet who had always prophesied bad for him.
- The dispatched messenger urged **Micaiah** to speak words to Ahab like those of one of the other prophets. At first Micaiah did so, but Ahab placed him under oath to speak truth in the name of Yehowah. At that, **Micaiah** said; I certainly see all the Israelites scattered on the mountains, like sheep that have no shepherd.
- And for three years they continued dwelling without war between Syria and Israel. (**1 Kings 22:1**)
- And it came about in the third year that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah proceeded to go down to the king of Israel. (**1 Kings 22:2**)
- Then the king of Israel said to his servants; Do you really know that Ramoth-gilead belongs to us? Yet we are hesitating to take it out of the hand of the king of Syria. (**1 Kings 22:3**)

- And he went on to say to Jehoshaphat; Will you go with me to the fight at Ramoth-gilead? At this Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel; I am the same as you. My people are the same as your people. My horses are the same as your horses. (1 Kings 22:4)
- However, Jehoshaphat went on to say to the king of Israel; Inquire, please, first of all for the word of Yehowah. (1 Kings 22:5)
- So the king of Israel collected the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them; Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead in war, or shall I refrain? And they began to say; Go up, and Yehowah will give it into the king's hand. (1 Kings 22:6)
- But Jehoshaphat said; Is there not here a prophet of Yehowah still? Then let us inquire through him. (1 Kings 22:7)
- T that the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat; There is still one man through whom to inquire of Yehowah, but I myself certainly hate him, for he does not prophesy good things concerning me but bad, Micaiah the son of Imlah. However, Jehoshaphat said; Do not let the king say a thing like that. (1 Kings 22:8)
- Accordingly the king of Israel called a certain court official and said; Do bring Micaiah the son of Imlah quickly. (1 Kings 22:9)
- Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting each one on his throne, clothed in garments, in the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria, and all the prophets were acting as prophets before them. (1 Kings 22:10)
- Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made for himself horns of iron and said; This is what Yehowah has said; With these you will push the Syrians until you exterminate them. (1 Kings 22:11)
- And all the other prophets were prophesying the same as that, saying; Go up to Ramoth-gilead and prove successful, and Yehowah will certainly give it into the king's hand. (1 Kings 22:12)
- And the messenger that had gone to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying; Look, now! The words of the prophets are unanimously of good to the king. Let your word, please, become like the word of one of them, and you must speak good. (1 Kings 22:13)

- But **Micaiah** said; As Yehowah is living, what Yehowah will say to me, that is what I shall speak. (**1 Kings 22:14**)
- Then he came in to the king, and the king proceeded to say to him; **Micaiah**, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead in war, or shall we refrain? At once he said to him; Go up and prove successful, and Yehowah will certainly give it into the king's hand. (**1 Kings 22:15**)
- At that the king said to him; For how many times am I putting you under oath that you should not speak to me anything but truth in the name of Yehowah? (**1 Kings 22:16**)
- So he said; I certainly see all the Israelites scattered on the mountains, like sheep that have no shepherd. And Yehowah went on to say; These have no masters. Let them go back each one to his house in peace. (**1 Kings 22:17**)
- And Jehoshaphat came to have riches and glory in abundance, but he formed a marriage alliance with Ahab. (**2 Chronicles 18:1**)
- So years later he went down to Ahab at Samaria, and Ahab proceeded to sacrifice sheep and cattle in abundance for him and for the people that were with him. And he began to allure him to go up against Ramoth-gilead. (**2 Chronicles 18:2**)
- And Ahab the king of Israel went on to say to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah; Will you go with me to Ramoth-gilead? At this he said to him; I am the same as you are, and my people are like your people and with you in the war. (**2 Chronicles 18:3**)
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- So the king of Israel collected the prophets together, four hundred men, and said to them; Shall we go against Ramoth-gilead in war, or shall I refrain? And they began to say; Go up, and the true God will give it into the king's hand. (**2 Chronicles 18:5**)
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- At that the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat; There is still one man through whom to inquire of Yehowah, but I myself certainly hate him, for he is prophesying concerning me, not for good, but, all his days, for bad. He is **Micaiah** the son of Imlah. However, Jehoshaphat said; Do not let the king say a thing like that. (**2 Chronicles 18:7**)
- Accordingly the king of Israel called a court official and said; Bring **Micaiah** the son of Imlah quickly. (**2 Chronicles 18:8**)
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- **Micaiah** then proceeded to relate his vision of Yehowah sitting on His heavenly throne and asking assembled spirit creatures; Who will fool Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? One of the spirits volunteered to go and become a deceptive spirit in the mouth of all of Ahab's prophets.

- Yehowah replied; You will fool him, and, what is more, you will come off the winner. Go out and do that way. **Micaiah** then told Ahab that God had put a deceptive spirit into the mouth of all his prophets; but Yehowah himself has spoken calamity concerning you.

- With that the false prophet Zedekiah struck **Micaiah** upon the cheek and asked mockingly; Just which way did the spirit of Yehowah pass along from me to speak with you? Micaiah boldly replied; Look! You are seeing which way on that day when you will enter the innermost chamber to hide yourself.

- Ahab then commanded that **Micaiah** be put in the house of detention, where the prophet would be fed with reduced allowances of bread and water until the king returned in peace. However, Ahab never returned, because during the battle at Ramoth-gilead, there was a man that bent the bow in his innocence, the arrow struck the Israelite king, and he gradually died.

- Micaiah's final words to Ahab had been; If you return at all in peace, Yehowah has not spoken with me. The king's death proved that **Micaiah** was indeed Yehowah's prophet.

- Then the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat; Did I not say to you, He will prophesy concerning me, not good things, but bad? (1 Kings 22:18)

- And he went on to say; Therefore hear the word of Yehowah; I certainly see Yehowah sitting upon his throne and all the army of the heavens standing by him, to his right and to his left. (1 Kings 22:19)

- And Yehowah proceeded to say; Who will fool Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And this one began to say something like this, while that one was saying something like

that. (1 Kings 22:20)

- Finally a spirit came out and stood before Yehowah and said; I myself shall fool him. At that Yehowah said to him; By what means? (1 Kings 22:21)
- To this he said; I shall go forth, and I shall certainly become a deceptive spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. So he said; You will fool him, and, what is more, you will come off the winner. Go out and do that way. (1 Kings 22:22)
- And now here Yehowah has put a deceptive spirit into the mouth of all these prophets of yours, but Yehowah himself has spoken calamity concerning you. (1 Kings 22:23)
- Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah now approached and struck **Micaiah** upon the cheek and said; In just which way did the spirit of Yehowah pass along from me to speak with you? (1 Kings 22:24)
- At that **Micaiah** said; Look! You are seeing which way on that day when you will enter the innermost chamber to hide yourself. (1 Kings 22:25)
- Then the king of Israel said; Take **Micaiah** and turn him back to Amon the chief of the city and to Joash the king's son. (1 Kings 22:26)
- And you must say; This is what the king has said; Put this fellow in the house of detention and feed him with a reduced allowance of bread and a reduced allowance of water until I come in peace. (1 Kings 22:27)
- Upon that **Micaiah** said; If you return at all in peace, Yehowah has not spoken with me. And he added; Hear, all you peoples. (1 Kings 22:28)
- And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah proceeded to go up to Ramoth-gilead. (1 Kings 22:29)
- The king of Israel now said to Jehoshaphat; There will be a disguising and entering into the battle for me, but you, for your part, put on your garments. Accordingly, the king of Israel disguised himself and entered into the battle. (1 Kings 22:30)

- **As for the king of Syria, he had commanded the thirty-two chiefs of the chariots that were his, saying; You must fight, neither with the small nor the great, but with the king of Israel alone. (1 Kings 22:31)**
- **And it came about that, as soon as the chiefs of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they, for their part, said to themselves; Surely it is the king of Israel. So they turned aside against him to fight, and Jehoshaphat began to cry for aid. (1 Kings 22:32)**
- **And it came about that, as soon as the chiefs of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they immediately came back from following him. (1 Kings 22:33)**
- **And there was a man that bent the bow in his innocence, but he got to strike the king of Israel between the appendages and the coat of mail, so that he said to his charioteer; Turn your hand around, and take me out from the camp, because I have been badly wounded. (1 Kings 22:34)**
- **And the battle kept rising in intensity on that day, and the king himself had to be kept in a standing position in the chariot facing the Syrians, and gradually he died in the evening, and the blood of the wound kept pouring out upon the interior of the war chariot. (1 Kings 22:35)**
- **And the ringing cry began to pass through the camp about the setting of the sun, saying; Everyone to his city, and everyone to his land! (1 Kings 22:36)**
- **Thus the king died. When he was brought to Samaria, then they buried the king in Samaria. (1 Kings 22:37)**
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