

# Ahab and Benhadad

**TEXT: 1 Kings 20:31-43**

## **INTRODUCTION:**

- A. RECOUNT THE CHAPTER STORY - READ **vs. 31-43**.
- B. THE GIST -
  - 1. Benhadad determined to humiliate and destroy Israel.
  - 2. Ahab, though resistant in battle, gave in to a worse destruction.
- C. BE CAREFUL OF THE EXAMPLE( **1 Cor. 10:11** ).
- I. SATAN IS DETERMINED TO DESTROY US.**
- A. BENHADAD NEVER SATISFIED WITH JUST PART( **1 Pet. 5:8** ).
- B. WARFARE AGAINST CHRIST( **Col. 2:8** ).
  - 1. Point of attack is us( **Rev. 12:7-13** )
  - 2. There is escape( **2 Pet. 1:4; 2:20** ).
- C. WHOSE SIDE ARE WE ON?
  - 1. **1 Kings 18:21 - Matt. 12:30 - Matt. 6:24.**
  - 2. **Rom. 6:16-18.** We need to think in terms of Black and White. There is a "right and wrong."
- D. THE PERSISTENCE OF BENHADAD AND SATAN.
  - 1. Excused first failure - God of the Hills - Try again on the Plain.
  - 2. Temptation is continual( **2 Cor. 2:11; 1 Cor. 10:13; 1 Pet. 5:8** ).

## **II. AHAB MAKES PEACE WITH "BROTHER" BENHADAD.**

- A. WE ARE NOT OF THE WORLD( **1 Pet. 2:11-12** ).
  - 1. Abstain from fleshly lusts( **1 John 2:15-17** ).
  - 2. No affinity with worldly things( **James 4:4** ).
  - 3. No fellowship with those of the world( **1 Cor. 15:33** ).
- B. WE ARE NOT OF THOSE WHO TEACH FALSE DOCTRINE.
  - 1. A problem in the church( **Acts 20:29-30** ).
  - 2. Warnings are plentiful( **2 Tim. 2:14-18; 2 Pet. 2:1-3; Jude 3-4, 7** ).
  - 3. Sometimes hard to distinguish( **2 Cor. 11:13-15** ).
  - 4. Sometimes they don't even know( **2 Tim. 3:13** ).
    - a. The Jews( **Acts 3:17** ).
    - b. Apollos( **Acts 18:24-28** ).
    - c. Paul( **1 Tim. 1:12-15** ).
- C. HOW DO WE REGARD SUCH?  
( **Rom. 16:17-18; Titus 3:10-11; Eph. 5:11 2 John 9-11** ).
- D. **Jer. 6:14.** YOU CANNOT MAKE PEACE WITH THE DEVIL AND HAVE PEACE WITH GOD( **Prov. 23:23** ).
- E. GOD'S PUNISHMENT OF AHAB A WARNING( **1 Kings 20:31-43; Jas. 4:4** ).

**CONCLUSION: WHOSE SIDE ARE WE ON IN THIS WAR?**