

## DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

*Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.*

### **Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – 1 Kings 20:1-22**

This week's story will focus on God's story in Ahab's life. While Ahab had done much evil in God's sight, that doesn't mean that Ahab did not believe in God. He believed; he just was not obedient. We start this week off with the King of Aram making demands on Israel. What does he demand and how does Ahab respond to Ben-Hadad's demands (vss. 1-9)? How do you think that last response went over? Verse 10 tell us. What are Ahab's words of wisdom to Ben-Hadad (vs. 11)? As you read verse 12, what are King Ben-Hadad and his allies doing in preparation for battle? Next, we see how the God of Israel gets involved again in Ahab's life. Remember God has worked through Elijah in some pretty spectacular ways. How does God get involved and what message is relayed (vss. 13-14)? What does Ahab do (vss. 15-17)? Notice Ben-Hadad's response to this imminent attack (vs. 18). That's pretty confident or pretty stupid, thanks to being drunk. So how does this battle go down (vss. 19-21)? But things are not quite over. God brings the victory for Israel, but there is more. What warning does the prophet give to Ahab? What does this reveal to you about God? Consider that Ahab has been worshipping false idols and yet God still protects Israel! What does this say about us? Consider how Ahab, despite his sins, knows to listen to the prophets of God. How does this point to Jesus? Consider the prophecies regarding the Messiah. Has Jesus fulfilled them? Does this not give us hope in the prophecies of what is still to come? Pray thanking God for His faithfulness in always fulfilling His word.

### **Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – 1 Kings 20:23-34**

We pick up today with the next attack by Ben-Hadad, King of Aram. Now the soldiers have a new strategy. What do they propose to the King (vss. 23-25)? Apparently defeating God has to do with location, location, location! As spring arrives, what happens (vss. 26-27)? It does not seem like the odds are in Israel's favor. What message does the man of God bring to Ahab (vs.28)? God sees this as His battle against Ben-Hadad and his army. How does this battle go down (vss. 29-30)? The size never seems to matter to God, does it? With his army defeated, Ben-Hadad is in hiding. What do his officers tell him (vs. 31)? What happens when they attempt this (vss. 32-33)? Once Ahab and Ben-Hadad are face to face, what happens (vs. 34)? How do you think this is going to go over? Do you agree with Ahab's decision? What does this text reveal to us about God? What does it reveal to us about humanity? How are we sometimes like Ahab? How do these texts point to Jesus and his Kingship? Do you see any differences between Jesus and Ahab? Do you see any similarities?

### **Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1 Kings 20:35-43**

Today we pick up learning God's response to Ahab's decision to let Ben-Hadad go free under a new treaty. This section starts with a group of prophets of God. How does God put His plan into motion (vss. 35-36)? When God says, "do it," then "do it". What was the cost of disobedience? This prophet still has an assignment from God, so what does he do next (vs. 37)? Apparently, the lesson was learned. Now we get to see what the assignment is for the struck prophet. What does he do and say to the King Ahab (vss. 38-40a)? What is Ahab's response (vs. 40b)? With that answer from Ahab's lips, what happens next (vss. 41-42)? Ahab had been disobedient. He could have ended Ben-Hadad's life and no longer feared attacks from him. What will be the consequence now? How does Ahab respond to this news (vs. 43)? Why do you think he was angry? Was he angry at God? The prophet? Himself? In any event, this is not good news on any level. What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about ourselves? Consider how we think we are doing the "kind" thing when it is in strict disobedience to God. How does this point to our need for Jesus when we make these bad decisions? We may suffer the consequences for our sins like Ahab, but we have the grace of Jesus wherein our consequences do not have to be the last word.

### **Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1 Kings 21:1-7**

We finish this week off with Ahab's neighbor Naboth. What is the impending conflict between the two neighbors (vss. 1-3)? Ahab does not like being told, "No." We have seen this with Elijah, God, and now Naboth. What is Ahab's reaction to Naboth's "No" (vs. 4)? Not exactly an adult way of handling rejections. Who gets wind that something is up and what is the conversation between them (vss. 5-6)? What does Jezebel tell Ahab that seems to make things better, at least for today (vs. 7)? What does this reveal to you about God? Consider Naboth's response as to why he cannot sell the vineyard. What does this reveal about us and all humanity? Consider how we do not like to be told no. Do you see this being played out in the culture today? How does this reveal or point to Jesus?

### **Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – 1 Kings 21:8-29**

Today we finish the story of Naboth's vineyard. We left off with Jezebel going out to "fix it" for Ahab. How does she go about doing this (vss. 8-10)? Do the leaders follow her instructions? What were the results (vss. 11-14)? Once the news gets back to Jezebel, what does she do (vs. 15)? How does Ahab respond (vs. 16)? Interestingly, he did not even inquire as to what brought about Naboth's death. He just goes to lay claim to the vineyard. Well, what is God's response to this whole mess (vss. 17-19)? Elijah enters back into the picture. See how Ahab greets him in verse 20? Ahab thinks Elijah is working on his own, not for God. What does Elijah tell Ahab regarding Naboth and the situation (vss. 20-24)? Verse 25 is a reminder of how far off the rails Ahab had gone. But we see Ahab still knows and has some reverence for the God of Israel. What does he do that demonstrates this (vs. 27)? When God sees the genuine heart of Ahab, what does he say to Elijah (vss. 28-29)? What does this reveal to you about God? Consider that God is both faithful and merciful in dealing with us. What does it reveal about us, humanity? Consider that even in our deepest rebellion, we can be brought to our knees in true repentance. How does this text reveal or point to Jesus? Consider Jesus' conversation with the thief on the cross. You can read it here (Luke 23:39-43). Do you see the mercy of God through his Son in this text?

### **Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> – In preparation for tomorrow's worship, please read 1 Kings 22:19-23.**