

WORSHIP NOTES

Meanwhile, Back in Israel...

1 Kings 20:5-12

Soon Ben-hadad's messengers returned again and said, "This is what Ben-hadad says: 'I have already demanded that you give me your silver, gold, wives, and children. But about this time tomorrow I will send my officials to search your palace and the homes of your officials. They will take away everything you consider valuable!'" Then Ahab summoned all the elders of the land and said to them, "Look how this man is stirring up trouble! I already agreed with his demand that I give him my wives and children and silver and gold." "Don't give in to any more demands," all the elders and the people advised. So, Ahab told the messengers from Ben-hadad, "Say this to my lord the king: 'I will give you everything you asked for the first time, but I cannot accept this last demand of yours.'" So the messengers returned to Ben-hadad with that response. Then Ben-hadad sent this message to Ahab: "May the gods strike me and even kill me if there remains enough dust from Samaria to provide even a handful for each of my soldiers." The king of Israel sent back this answer: "A warrior putting on his sword for battle should not boast like a warrior who has already won." Ahab's reply reached Ben-hadad and the other kings as they were drinking in their tents. "Prepare to attack!" Ben-hadad commanded his officers. So they prepared to attack the city.

- I. WHERE WE LEFT OFF
 - A. THE KINGDOMS

 - B. THE KINGS
- II. WAR IS DECLARED
 - A. THE BEGINNING

 - B. THE FIRST ATTEMPT

 - C. THE SECOND ATTEMPT

 - D. AHAB'S MISTAKE
- III. NABOTH AND HIS VINEYARD
 - A. THE DESIRE

 - B. THE DISAPPOINTMENT

 - C. THE DECISION OF DEATH

 - D. THE DISASTER TO COME
- IV. WHAT DOES THIS REVEAL TO YOU
 - A. ABOUT GOD?

 - B. ABOUT HUMANITY

 - C. ABOUT JESUS