

Ahab Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

No child says, "I am going to be an evil ruler." What shaped Ahab into the person he became?

It appears that he did what he considered wise but got consistently negative reviews from Elijah. Why should he consider a minority opinion?

If you were Ahab, what might you have done differently?

Might his marriage to Jezebel have been the point in which he went wrong?

Why did Ahab defer to his wife in critical decisions?

What might have happened if he had said, "Jezebel, I have made a decision. I will serve the LORD!"

What can you say about Ahab's character?

Is ability to compromise sometimes helpful in keeping the peace?

What is necessary for a person to know when to stop compromise and draw a line in the sand?

Ahab and his elders did draw the line on a demand by Ben-Hadad and actually experienced supernatural help. What did he assume when he received help from the LORD?

Showing mercy might have seemed like a good idea, but might it have been the will of the LORD that he totally defeat Ben-Hadad?

Should he have inquired of the LORD?

How was his handling of Naboth's vineyard sort of a shorthand summary of his life?

How sincere do you think his repentance of that act was?

Why would Jehoshaphat, the righteous king of Judah, offer to form an alliance with wicked Ahab?

Did Ahab get one more chance when the prophet of the LORD predicted his death?

What was the result of the battle?

Could Ahab claim that the LORD was unfair?

Do you suppose he made the connection of where he was dying before he slipped away?

What happens when a person repeatedly refuses to respond to the LORD?