

## I KINGS 20; May 29; Ahab's Two Victories Over Ben-hadad

### ANALYSIS:

1. What was Ben-hadad of Syria's first demand of Ahab \_\_\_\_\_; what was his further demand?  
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2. When Ben-hadad boasted he would conquer Samaria, what was Ahab's retort? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What did the LORD'S prophet tell Ahab to do to beat the Syrians in the first battle? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What did the Syrians say which resulted in their second defeat at Aphek? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What very serious mistake did Ahab make after he had captured Ben-hadad? \_\_\_\_\_

### THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

In spite of Ahab's and Israel's wickedness (21:25), the LORD sent prophets to guide Ahab to victory over Ben-hadad, king of Syria, when he besieged Samaria. The LORD doubtless spared His 7,000 in Israel, who had not bowed to Baal, from the ravages of the Syrians. These God-given victories did not change Ahab's heart and conduct. Ahab failed to fulfill God's purpose when He gave Ben-hadad into his hands, and it cost Ahab his life.

Whatever God assigns you to do, complete the task as perfectly as you can and do it with zeal as unto Him. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Eccl 9:10).

### HELP:

1. Thy silver, gold, wives and children are mine. I will search thy houses and take whatever is pleasant in thine eyes (vs 3, 6).

2. "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off" (v 11).

3. Let the 232 princes lead the 7,000 fighting men against Syria and win a great victory (vs 12-15).

4. "Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys" (v 28).

5. Ahab set Ben-hadad free, when the LORD had appointed him to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life (v 42).