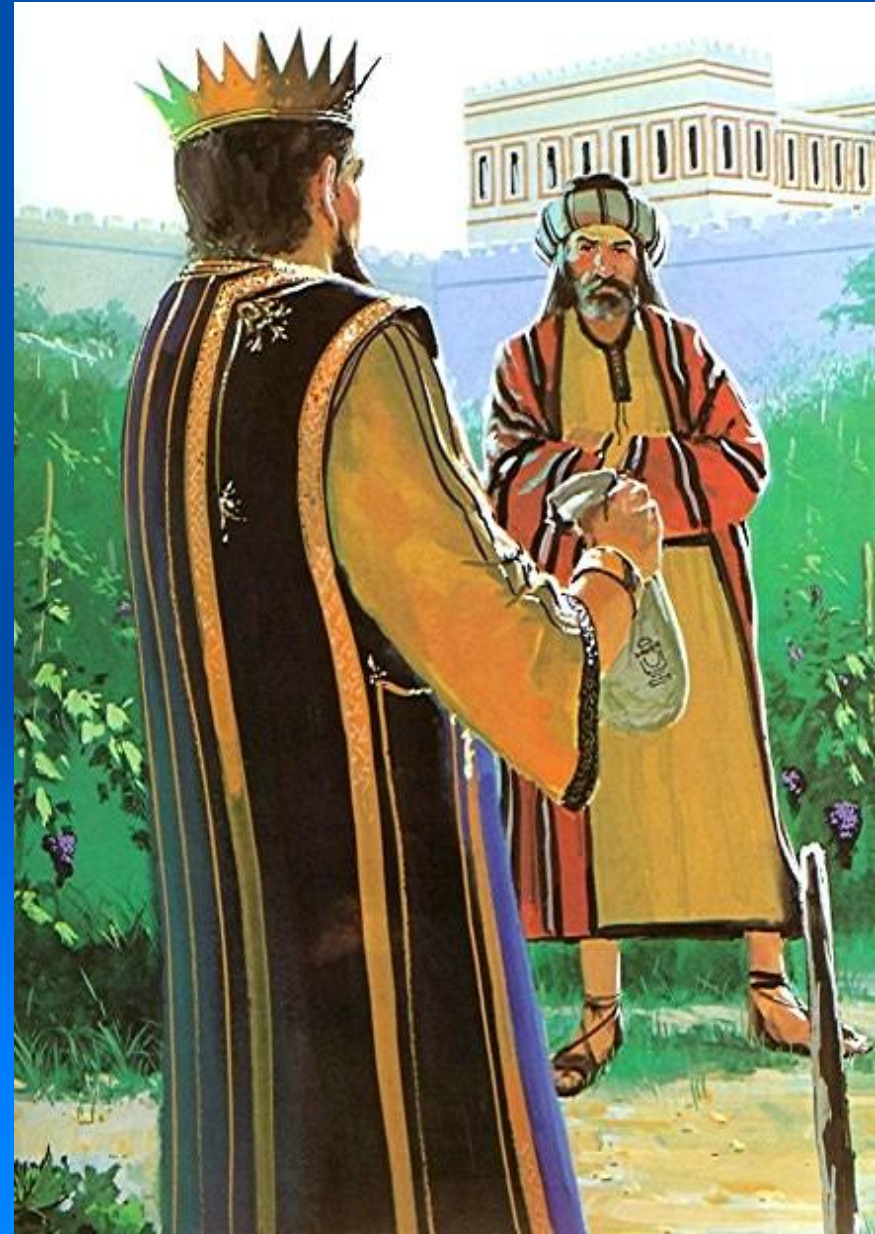
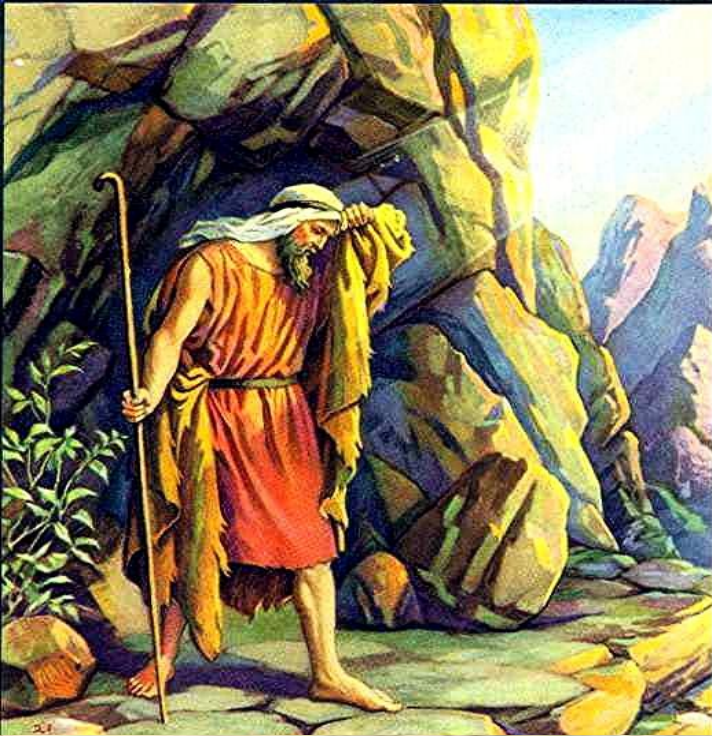


KING ACHAV COMMITS MURDER

- King *Achav* desired to possess *Navot's* vineyard
- *Navot* is indignant and refuses the King's offer
- *Navot* cannot sell the land, it would be a Torah violation
- Jezebel organizes a phony religious convocation at which *Navot* will be falsely accused of blasphemy
- *Navot* is convicted and immediately stoned to death
- *Achav* goes to claim the land and is confronted by Elijah



ELIJAH CONFRONTS ACHAV....AGAIN



- Elijah seems to have repented of his bad attitude and the Lord has accepted him for renewed holy service
- Elijah has learned, and no longer invokes himself as having power and authority
- God's oracle is that **Achav** will die a grisly death
- King **Achav** the most wicked King of Israel

ACHAV'S SON BEARS SOME OF HIS PUNISHMENT

- Because *Achav* took to heart his sins, the Lord delayed some of the curses and put them onto *Joram*, his son
- 2Kings 9:24 – 26
- RamBam says that murder is the greatest of all human on human crimes
- Murder destroys the fabric of civilization



LEADERS AND KINGS

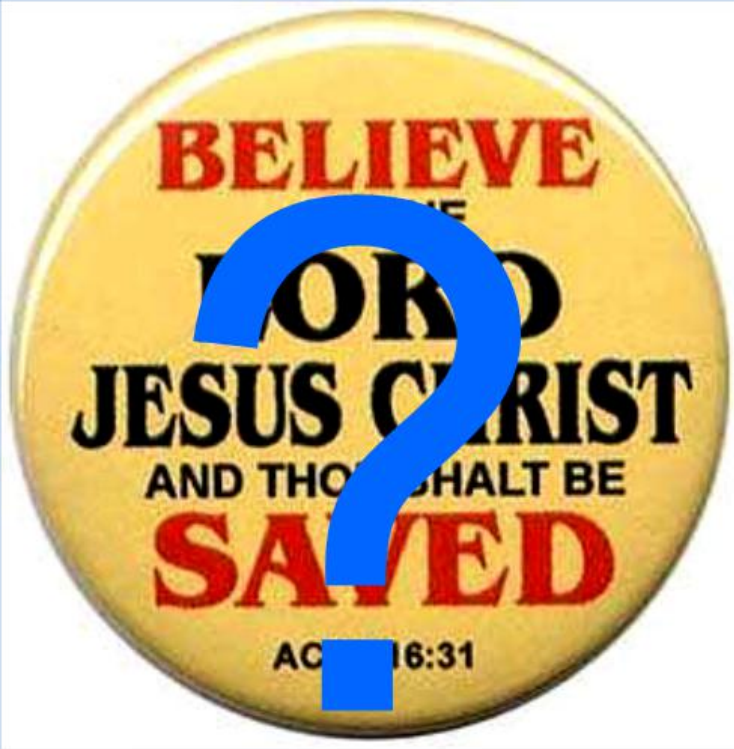
- Achav did not personally participate in *Navot's* murder
- King David did not personally kill *Uriyah*
- Both held responsible because they wanted it and they were Kings who could control it
- God's kings and leaders bear the greatest responsibility
- Sometimes are shown greater mercy
- Always held accountable for their own behavior AND the sins of their people





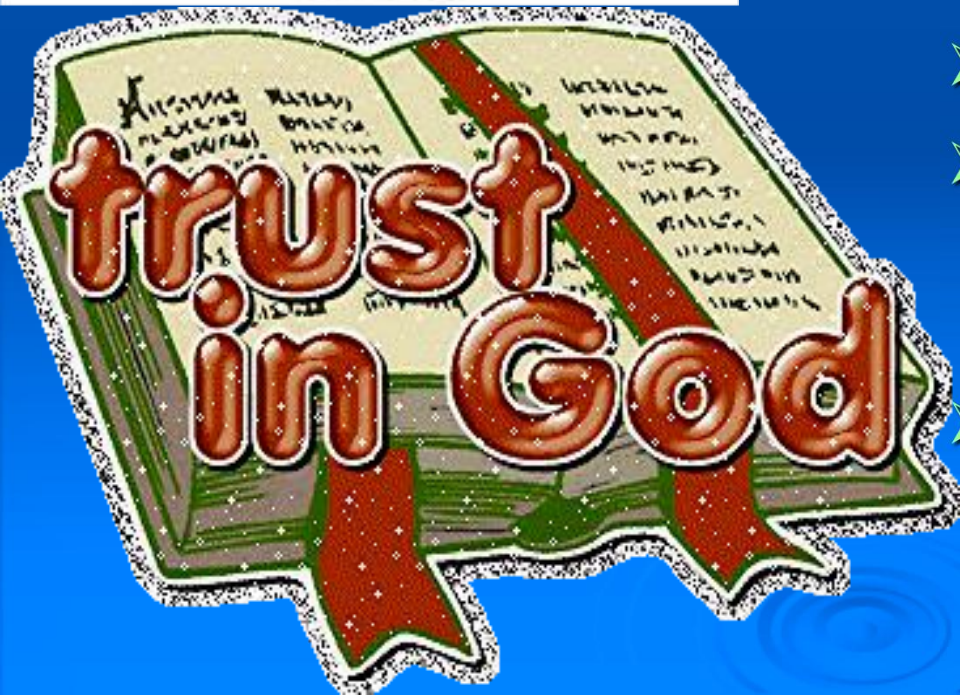
TORAH IS THE MIRROR OF OUR LIVES

- ***Achav*** sees Elijah as an enemy
- The King HATES the Word of God
- God's Word exposes sin
- ***Achav*** is cursed because he turned himself over to evil, and he led his people into sin



ACHAV'S EPITAPH: BELIEF NOT TRUST

- *Achav* BELIEVED YHWH was God
- But he trusted in the worship of false gods and the world
- James 2:19
- Believing that God exists merely makes one NOT an atheist
- *Achav* showed mourning and repentance but it was shallow and brief



A TEACHING MOMENT FOR ELIJAH

- 1Kings 21:29 “...since he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring this evil during his lifetime....”
- Even *Achav's* short-term response was sufficient for God to show a degree of mercy
- Elijah tended to be rigid, severe, and seek punishment
- That is NOT God's temperament

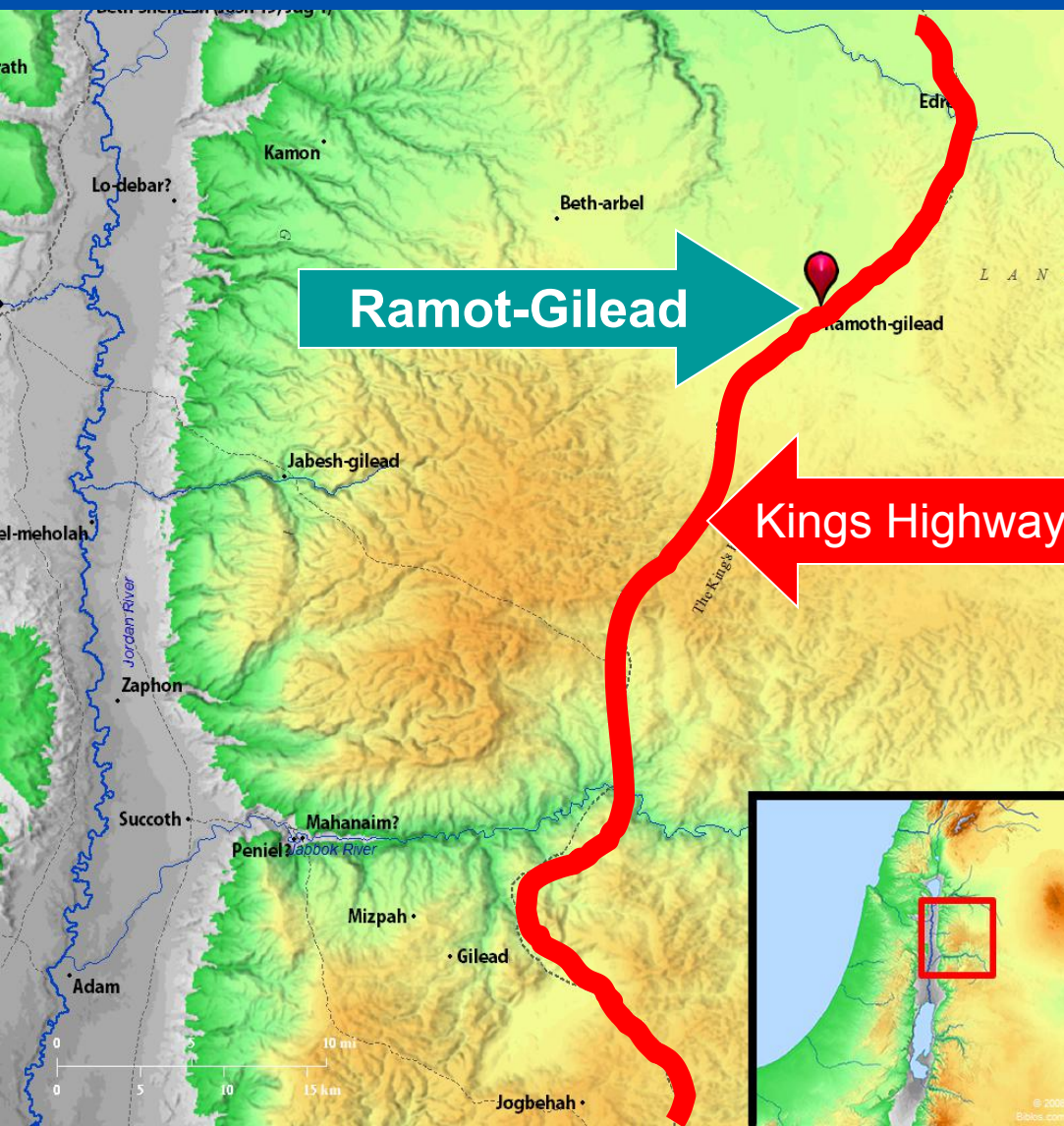


1ST KINGS 22: ACHAV AND Y'HOSHAFAT



- Vs. 1 The 3 years of peace did NOT mean that Israel did not experience war
- **Achav** fought against Assyria and King **Shalmeneser** at Qarqar and defeated him
- Syria w/Ben-Hadad fought alongside Israel to defeat Assyria

THE DESIRE TO RECOVER THE CITY OF RAMOT-GILEAD



- Jehoshaphat's son married *Achav's* and Jezebel's daughter
- *Y'hoshafat* probably visited to make battle plans
- Ramot-Gilead on the Kings Highway, so the control of the trade route was the key

ACHAV'S 400 PROPHETS

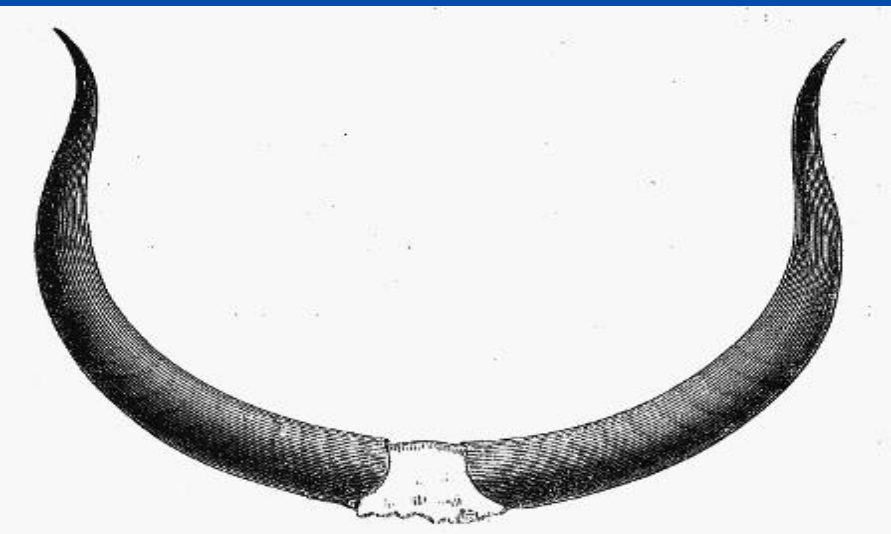
- *Y'hoshafat* wanted to consult the Lord before going to battle
- *Achav's* 400 prophets were the Golden Calf prophets, who saw **YHWH** as those calves
- 400 prophets said to attack and that Israel would win
- Jehoshaphat wanted an “old school” prophet's word on the matter



MIKHAYAHU THE “OLD SCHOOL” PROPHET OF YHWH



- **Achav** told Jehoshaphat that he **HATED *Mikhayahu*** because he only gave the king bad news!
- 400 prophets and the 2 Kings were outside the City Gates on a threshing floor
- ***Tzidkyah*** invokes ***YHWH's*** name and uses animal horns to symbolize Israel's victory at Ramot-Gilead
- Deut. 33:15 - 17



MICAIAH THE WET BLANKET

- Micaiah's prison guard suggested that he just go with the flow and agree with the 400 prophets
- *Mikhayahu* said he can only say what God tells him to say
- Compromise is Man's way, NOT God's way
- Compromising on our preferences is godly peace
- Compromising on God's laws and commands is

SIN !

