

Ahab: Trivial Pursuits

Source Text: 1 Kings 16:29-22:40

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Sermon Points:

Read in preparation: 1 Kings 16-22

1. **Prologue**: Ahab: A New Kind of Evil (16:29-30)
2. **Conflict Introduced**: Eternal Things are Trivial: A King at War with God (16:31-33)
3. **Complicating Factors**: Scenes from the Battlefield: Drought, Death, and Disengagement (17:1-20:43)
4. **Turning Point**: Living for the Trivial: Conviction Over an Herb Garden (21:1-16)
5. **Consequences**: God is Trivial No More: Judgment Predicted and Executed (21:17-22:38)
6. **Epilogue**: Trivial Pursuits Not Worth Mentioning (22:39-40)

Discussion Questions:

1. What details stand out to you from the story?
2. What are some key lessons from the story?
3. How would you characterize Ahab? What are his strengths and weaknesses?
4. Do you agree that Ahab built his life on trivial pursuits and placed his convictions being in trivial things? What are some trivial things in your life and how are you tempted to prioritize them?
5. Would you describe your life as being a life of convenience or conviction? Do your beliefs about God impact the way you live? Are there areas in which you would like to improve in?

6. What is one way this group can help you develop and live with eternal convictions?

Old Testament Kings and Prophets during the Divided Kingdom of Israel

NORTHERN KINGDOM (Israel)					SOUTHERN KINGDOM (Judah)				
King	Dates	Prophet(s)	King	Dates	Prophet(s)				
Jeroboam	931 - 910		Rehoboam	931 - 913					
Nadab	910 - 909		Abijah	913 - 911					
Baasha	909 - 886		Asa	911 - 870					
Elah	886 - 885								
Zimri	885								
Omri	885 - 874								
Ahab	874 - 853	Elijah	Jehosaphat	873 - 848					
Ahaziah	853 - 852	Elijah							
Jehoram	852 - 841	Elisha	Jehoram	848 - 841					
Jehu	841 - 814	Elisha	Abaziah	841					
			Athaliah	841 - 835					
			Joash	835 - 796					
Jehoahaz	814 - 798		Amaziah	796 - 767					
Jehoash	798 - 782		Uzziah	790 - 740				Isaiah, Micah	
Jeroboam II	793 - 753	Jonah, Amos, Hosea							
Zechariah	753 - 752	Hosea							
Shallum	752	Hosea							
Menahem	752 - 742	Hosea	Jotham	750 - 735				Isaiah, Micah	
Pekah	752 - 732	Hosea	Ahaz	744 - 715				Isaiah, Micah	
Hoshea	732 - 722	Hosea	Hezekiah	729 - 686				Isaiah, Micah	
			Manasseh	696 - 642				Isaiah	
			Amon	642 - 640					
			Josiah	640 - 609				Nahum, Zephaniah, Jeremiah	
			Jehoiahaz	609				Jeremiah	
			Jehoiakim	609 - 597				Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Joel	
			Zedekiah	597 - 586				Jeremiah, Lamentations	
			BABYLONIAN EXILE					Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel	
			POST EXILIC					Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi	