

Biggest Losers in the Bible

Ahab

He didn't marry wisely, which led to Israel turning to Baal worship.

- ✓ Jeroboam's bull worship was bad enough but Baal worship under Ahab was much worse, I Kgs. 16:30,31.
- ✓ Jezebel's evil influence was huge, 21:25 (opposite of Abigail, I Sam. 25:18ff.).

He didn't turn to God after incredible miracles or victories.

- ✓ Elijah wins a dual of deities, showing YHWH worship alone is sensible, but Ahab foolishly fails to turn to God and just turns on Elijah, I Kgs. 19:1-2.
- ✓ Aramean attacks upon Israel are foiled twice (I Kgs. 20); both times a prophet announces God will graciously help undeserving Ahab be victorious. But Ahab again fails to turn to God and foolishly spares Ben-hadad, who will later will kill Ahab in battle.

He didn't stop Jezebel from killing his godly neighbor for his land.

- ✓ Ahab sits by as his wife arranges for God-fearing Nabath to be framed and executed for his land that Ahab had wanted, I Kgs. 21.
- ✓ Elijah rebukes Ahab, which brings some sorrow and postponed judgment.

He didn't listen to Micaiah's prophecy and imprisoned him instead.

- ✓ Ahab goes with his 400 false prophets' advice over Micaiah's good advice (didn't learn from Mt. Carmel!) plus he puts Jehoshaphat at risk, I Kgs 22.
- ✓ Ahab is killed despite his deception by a "random" arrow, 22:34.

As a single person, am I being picky enough about whom I consider for marriage?

If I'm a husband, am I providing the leadership that God will hold me accountable for?

Am I responding properly to God's kindness, tolerance and patience?

Am I listening to the right voices?

