

Lesser-known Heroes of the Bible
Micaiah

He is willing to be hated for speaking the truth. 1-13

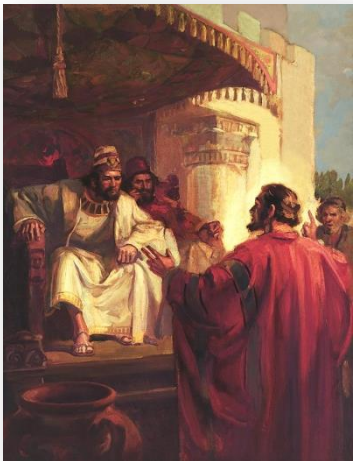
- ◆ Good king Jehoshaphat of Judah agreed to help evil King Ahab of Israel retrieve his former lands. Will the war be successful? See II Chron. 18 where the prophet Micaiah is summoned to prophesy.
- ◆ Micaiah is hated by Ahab for his “evil” prophecies against him, which actually is much to his credit! Expect such hatred, Jn. 7:7.
- ◆ Micaiah resists advice to agree with the 400 false prophets led by Zedekiah. Do you have someone like Micaiah for advice?

He is willing to defy the majority and speak the truth. 14-22

Micaiah begins sarcastically but turns serious as he describes an odd heavenly scene (cf. Isa. 6:1-10). God’s plan is to use evil Ahab’s own evil prophets to take him down. Consider Rom. 1:24-28, Jer. 4:10, Ezek. 14,9,10, II Thess. 2:11, Rev. 17:17.

He is willing to be abused for speaking the truth. 23-27

Zedekiah slaps Micaiah and ends up imprisoned on restricted rations. Is this surprising? What do we risk when we shoot straight with people from a biblical perspective?



Do people see me as someone they can turn to for truthful/biblical advice?

Do I have people who I can turn to for truthful/biblical advice?

Micaiah may only show up in one Bible passage, but he is surely in mind in Heb. 11:36.