

## Part 2: Divided Kingdom

### Section 4: Reign of Ahab in Israel

### An Evil Northern King

#### Ahab Worships Baal.

1 Kings 16:29-34 Scene 1: Ahab introduces Baal worship and was the most evil king to date.

#### YHWH Responds with a Drought.

- 1 Kings 17:1 Scene 2: Elijah announces a three-year drought to Ahab.  
1 Kings 17:2-7 Scene 3: Ravens provide for Elijah, who hides out by a brook east of the Jordan.  
1 Kings 17:8-16 Scene 4: A widow, living in Sidon, provides for Elijah in the drought.  
1 Kings 17:17-24 Scene 5: Elijah raises the widow's son from the dead.  
1 Kings 18:1-6 Scene 6: YHWH orders Elijah confront Ahab; YHWH will end the drought.

#### Elijah Confronts the People.

- 1 Kings 18:7-15 Scene 7: Elijah ends the drought and meets Obidiah, who fears YHWH & is Ahab's steward.  
1 Kings 18:16-19 Scene 8: Ahab meets Elijah, who orders Baal prophets to gather at Mt. Carmel.  
1 Kings 18:20-24 Scene 9: Elijah challenges the Israelites to serve the God who answers by fire.  
1 Kings 18:25-29 Scene 10: The prophets cry out to Baal all day, but he never answers.  
1 Kings 18:30-35 Scene 11: Elijah rebuilds the altar and drenches the bull offering three times.  
1 Kings 18:36-39 Scene 12: Elijah cries out to YHWH, who answers with fire; the people believe.  
1 Kings 18:40 Scene 13: The people seize the prophets & Elijah slaughters them by the river.  
1 Kings 18:41-46 Scene 14: God answers Elijah's prayer and ends the drought.

#### Elijah Flees to Mt. Sinai.

- 1 Kings 19:1-8 Scene 15: Jezebel swears to kill Elijah, so he flees to Mt. Horeb (i.e. Sinai).  
1 Kings 19:9-14 Scene 16: YHWH reveals his glory and asks Elijah, "What are you doing here?"  
1 Kings 19:15-18 Scene 17: YHWH orders Elijah to return and anoint Hazael, Jehu, and Elisha.  
1 Kings 19:19-21 Scene 18: Elijah gives his cloak to Elisha, signifying he is the replacement.

#### Ahab Battles Syria.

- 1 Kings 20:1-6 Scene 19: The king of Syria besieges Samaria, which is Ahab's capital city.  
1 Kings 20:7-12 Scene 20: The king of Syria taunts Ahab.  
1 Kings 20:13-15 Scene 21: A prophet announces Ahab's victory, so Ahab musters his forces.  
1 Kings 20:16-21 Scene 22: Ahab slaughters the Syrian army, but the king of Syria escapes.  
1 Kings 20:22-25 Scene 23: The prophet warns Ahab of a looming battle with Syria.  
1 Kings 20:26-30 Scene 24: The prophet promises victory in spite of overwhelming odds.  
1 Kings 20:31-34 Scene 25: Ahab spared the king of Syria and made a covenant with him.  
1 Kings 20:35-43 Scene 26: A prophet rebukes Ahab for sparing the king of Syria.

## Stories in 1 Kings

### Ahab Steals Naboth's Vineyard.

- 1 Kings 21:1-4     Scene 27: Ahab offers to buy Naboth's vineyard, but he refuses to sell.  
1 Kings 21:5-10    Scene 28: Jezebel plots to falsely accuse Naboth and then have him stoned.  
1 Kings 21:11-16   Scene 29: Two worthless men testify falsely against Naboth, so he is stoned.  
1 Kings 21:17-24   Scene 30: Elijah announces that dogs will lick up Ahab's blood and eat Jezebel.  
1 Kings 21:25-26   Scene 31: No king was as evil as Ahab, because Jezebel pressed him on.  
1 Kings 21:27-29   Scene 32: Ahab repented, so YHWH delayed judgment until after Ahab dies.

### Ahab Battles Syria Again.

- 1 Kings 22:1-4     Scene 33: Ahab asks Jehoshaphat (Judah's king) to join in the fight with Syria.  
1 Kings 22:5-12    Scene 34: Jehoshaphat asks to consult YHWH first; 400 prophets predict victory.  
1 Kings 22:13-23   Scene 35: Micaiah, a prophet of YHWH, predicts disaster and Ahab's death.  
1 Kings 22:24-28   Scene 36: Ahab imprisons Micaiah.  
1 Kings 22:29-33   Scene 37: Ahab disguises himself but asks Jehoshaphat to wear royal robes.  
1 Kings 22:34-36   Scene 38: A man randomly shot Ahab in the battle and Ahab died that evening.  
1 Kings 22:37-40   Scene 39: Dogs licked up Ahab's blood after men washed out the chariot.