

## Ahab and the Syrians Questions

1 Kings 20:1-30

Elijah was told to anoint Hazael in Syria and Jehu in Israel as the future king. Meanwhile both countries had very evil kings who hated each other—Ben-Hadad in Syria and Ahab in Israel. Answer each question with a short sentence.

1. What was Ahab willing to do when Ben-Hadad invaded Israel?
2. Why did Ahab not go through with his offer?
3. What did the prophet tell Ahab about his upcoming war with Syria? What would this prove?
4. After Israel's victory what did the prophet tell Ahab?
5. How did the Syrians explain that they were defeated by the much weaker Israelites?
6. Why did the Syrians decide to fight in the plains of Israel next?
7. When the Syrians lost a second time, what did they fear?
8. What did they ask of Ahab?
9. What were the conditions of the treaty between Israel and Syria?
10. Ahab's choice to let Ben-Hadad go and make a treaty with the Syrians went against what the Lord had commanded. Write a short paragraph about what the prophet did to let Ahab know the consequences of such actions. (1 Kings 39-43)

# Answers

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1. Ahab was willing to give Ben-Hadad everything he wanted. 2. The elders objected.  
3. To strengthen himself. 4. That the Syrians would attack in the plains. 5. That the God of Israel was a God of the hills. 6. Because they thought they could win in the plains. 7. They feared that Ahab would not spare their lives. 8. They asked Ahab for mercy. 9. The conditions were that Ben-Hadad would restore lands that his father had taken from Ahab's father.