

THE BATTLE OF THE GOD'S CONTINUES
(1 Kings 20)

Ephesians 6:10-13

I. The Battle of the God's Continues (1 Kings 20)

B. Ben Hadad of Syria Declares War on Israel (1 Kings 20:1-12)

- What is happening here?
4. Ben Hadad's servants confronted Ahab with terms for his _____ vs 3
 5. The elders said, don't _____ ... "If we have to fight, let's at least go down swinging"
 6. This third message was a threat that sought Israel's total _____!
- **The point:** Even though God is _____ with Ahab and Israel at this time, He is going to bat for them and will fight for Israel for _____ ... "that you may know that I am the _____!"

B. Suddenly, Ahab Receives A Word From God (1 Kings 20:13-14)

4. "Behold, I _____ this Syrian army into your hand today!"
- Why would He do that?
5. Here is a clear and concise prophecy revealing how God will _____ to Ahab and to Israel.
 6. God is once again stacking the odds _____ Himself and His people to clearly demonstrate His _____, _____, and _____ toward His own.

C. The First Battle With the Syrians (1 Kings 20:15-21)

- There was a great _____ and _____ by Israel over the Syrians

D. Added Counsel: Both Divine and Human (1 Kings 20:22-25)

3. God's prophet speaks to Ahab:
 - b. prepare a proper _____ against a future Syrian attack for they _____ against you in the spring of the year after they lick their wounds & _____!

4. The human counselors to Ben Hadad:

- e. the reason we lost that battle is that their gods are the gods of the _____, while our gods are the gods of the _____!
- f. replace the 32 kings with seasoned _____.
- g. gather _____ like you had before.
- h. engage them only on the _____ & not in the _____

E. The Second Battle ([1 Kings 20:26-34](#))

- God's prophet tells Ahab what the situation really is ... it is not because either _____ or _____ are so wonderful, but it is because this is a _____ battle against the forces of _____ ... so I am going to _____!

F. God's Word Comes to Ahab ([1 Kings 20:35-43](#))

- 5. The prophet teaches we need to _____ & _____ God's word!(20:35-36)
 - 6. In the next illustration the prophet used an example of losing a _____ he was solemnly charged with keeping guard over—either he would _____ his own life or pay a very high _____ for losing him.
 - 7. Ahab states that he himself had decided his own _____ for not watching the prisoner closely enough—it would be his _____ for the prisoner's _____!
 - 8. Ahab, because you have let a man God has marked for destruction _____ therefore: a) God will require _____ life for _____, and b) now the people of Israel will _____, instead of the people of Syria
- What have we learned to day?