

# HE WAS GONE

## 1 KINGS 20

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Introduction:

### **1. AN OBJECTION (v.39)**

(1 Kings 20:39) "And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver."

### **2. A CONFESSION (v.40)**

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A. Failure to keep his obligation.

1. Lost Opportunities

2. Circumstances Change

### **3. AN EXCUSE (v.40)**

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### **4. AN UNCHANGEABLE FACT (v.40-41)**

(1 Kings 20:40-41) "And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it. {41} And he hasted, and took the ashes away from his face; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets."