

1 Kings 21

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21 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. (Naboth = fruits) (hard by = adjacent to, a neighbor) (Ahab must have had a second home in Jezreel)

(The word Samaria became synonymous with the nation of Israel. That's where the capital was)

²And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money. **1Samuel-8:14** (God warned us that a man king would do these things to us. Ahab is saying - sell me your land, or else)

³And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee. (Land was a family inheritance. It was not to be sold to others – per the statutes given to Moses by God) Leviticus-25:23, Numbers-36:7-8,

Exodus-17 (Thou shall not covet thy neighbor's property)

(Esau sold his inheritance to Jacob for a bowl of pottage. God hated him for having done that. He ended up losing his blessing from Isaac) see Genesis-27:1-25

NOTE: (Jesus is the inheritance of the Elect. Don't sell your inheritance for the ways of the world) Ezekiel-44:28

⁴And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread. (Ahab is acting like a spoiled child)

⁵But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

⁶And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered,

I will not give thee my vineyard. (Ahab conveniently left out the part that – when the Israelites entered the Promised Land, God told them not to sell the land because of the law of inheritance. The land would be passed down from parents to children, down the line)

⁷ And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. (Are you the king or not? You can do whatever you want to do. This is total government corruption)

⁸ So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth. (She is framing Naboth as a traitor. She was a murderess, a fraud, a forger, & also, a traitor because she sent the letters in the name of the king)

⁹ And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people: (Accuse Naboth of a crime)

(Proclaiming a fast for the city means that something really bad has transpired there; probably a crime)

NOTE: (Look at the liberals today in the US. They are passing laws that falsely accuse conservatives of being domestic terrorists, when they haven't committed any crimes. This is tyranny, pure and simple)

¹⁰ And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die. (sons of Belial - false witnesses, liars. Belial means worthless, without morals)

¹¹ And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them. (They were probably all corrupt; or they were afraid to go against the corrupt king. They must have known that these charges were trumped up. They had known Naboth all his life)

Mathew-26:60 (The Kenites did the same thing to Jesus with the two false witnesses. False witnesses are a part of Satan's M.O.)

¹² They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.
(Corruption, from the king & queen, on down to local government)
(Get the kangaroo court in session)

¹³ And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died. 2Kings-9:26 (They also killed his sons, in order to stop all inheritance of the land. This is nothing less than government approved murder)

¹⁴ Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.
(They also stoned Naboth's whole family to keep them from inheriting his vineyard)

¹⁵ And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead. (Naboth was murdered, not dead)

¹⁶ And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it. (Ahab had no problem with any of this. He is as guilty as Jezebel)

¹⁷ And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

¹⁸ Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

¹⁹ And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine. (killed = murdered – better translation)

2Kings-9:25-26 (Ahab's son Joram will die in that vineyard. Ahab will bleed to death in the streets like a wounded animal. He won't get the funeral of a king)

²⁰ And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD. (You made yourself a slave to evil)

²¹ Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, (He who hides behind fortifications) (evil= calamity – better translation)

²² And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin. (None of Ahab's descendants shall live. God cut off his family, like Ahab cut off Naboth's family)

(Not only did Ahab and Jezebel commit murder, but they forced the corrupt city officials to be accessories before and after the fact – all over one man's vineyard)

²³ And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. 2Kings-9:30 (There will be no decent burial for her either)

²⁴ Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat. (None of Ahab's family shall have a decent burial) see Deuteronomy-28:26

²⁵ But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. (Ahab was a wimp. Jezebel, who was from Zidon, was the provoker behind Ahab. She wasn't even an Israelite. Her father was a Baal priest in Zidon)

²⁶ And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. (Amorites were one of seven Canaanite nations. They were the descendants of the fallen angels who had mated with human women) See Jude

²⁷ And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. (softly = humbly) (He wasn't repenting for the murder of Naboth. He was feeling sorry for himself)

²⁸ And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

²⁹ Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house. (God even gave Ahab a measure of forgiveness, after all that he did, because he repented)

NOTE: (This is a good lesson to the people who think that they cannot be saved because of their long list of sins. God is a forgiving Father to those who truly repent and change their ways)

Exodus-20:4 (Ahab's sons also hated God and worshipped idols. God didn't punish them for Ahab's sins; He punished them for their own sins. If they had repented, they would have been forgiven also)