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- A Jezreelite vineyard owner and victim of a wicked plot by Queen Jezebel. **Naboth's** vineyard in Jezreel was within sight of King Ahab's palace. **Naboth** declined Ahab's offer to buy the vineyard or to exchange it for a better vineyard somewhere else, because Yehowah had prohibited sale in perpetuity of a family inheritance.
- And it came about after these things that there was a vineyard that happened to belong to **Naboth** the Jezreelite, which was in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab the king of Samaria. (**1 Kings 21:1**)
- So Ahab spoke to **Naboth**, saying; Do give me your vineyard, that it may serve as a garden of vegetables to me, for it is close by my house, and let me give you in place of it a vineyard better than it. Or if it is good in your eyes, I will give you money as the price of this. (**1 Kings 21:2**)
- But **Naboth** said to Ahab; It is unthinkable on my part, from Yehowah's standpoint, for me to give the hereditary possession of my forefathers to you. (**1 Kings 21:3**)
- Consequently Ahab came into his house, sullen and dejected over the word that **Naboth** the Jezreelite had spoken to him, when he said; I shall not give you the hereditary possession of my forefathers. Then he lay down upon his couch and kept his face turned, and he did not eat bread. (**1 Kings 21:4**)
- So the land should not be sold in perpetuity, because the land is mine. For you are alien residents and settlers from my standpoint. (**Leviticus 25:23**)
- And in all the land of your possession you should grant to the land the right of buying back. (**Leviticus 25:24**)
- In case your brother grows poor and has to sell some of his possession, a repurchaser closely related to him must also come and buy back what his brother sold. (**Leviticus 25:25**)
- And in case anyone proves to have no repurchaser and his own

hand does make gain and he does find enough for its repurchase.
([Leviticus 25:26](#))

- He must also calculate the years from when he sold it and he must return what money remains over to the man to whom he made the sale, and he must return to his possession. ([Leviticus 25:27](#))
- But if his hand does not find enough to give back to him, what he sold must also continue in the hand of its purchaser until the Jubilee year, and it must go out in the Jubilee, and he must return to his possession. ([Leviticus 25:28](#))
- Ahab's wife Queen Jezebel, however, schemed to have two witnesses falsely accuse **Naboth** of blaspheming God and the king. Thereby Naboth and his sons were put to death
- Certainly the blood of **Naboth** and the blood of his sons I saw yesterday, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I shall certainly repay you in this tract of land, is the utterance of Yehowah. So now, lift him up, throw him into the tract of land according to the word of Yehowah. ([2 Kings 9:26](#))
- Enabling Ahab to take possession of the vineyard. Because of this murder, Elijah foretold that the dogs not only would eat up Jezebel but would also lick up Ahab's blood in the same place they licked up **Naboth's** blood. Ahab's offspring would similarly be cut off.
- Finally Jezebel his wife came in to him and spoke to him; Why is it that your spirit is sad and you are not eating bread? ([1 Kings 21:5](#))
- At that he spoke to her; Because I proceeded to speak to **Naboth** the Jezreelite and say to him, Do give me your vineyard for money. Or, if you prefer, let me give you another vineyard in place of it. But he said; I shall not give you my vineyard. ([1 Kings 21:6](#))
- Then Jezebel his wife said to him; Is it you that now exercise the kingship over Israel? Rise up, eat bread and let your heart be merry. I myself shall give you the vineyard of **Naboth** the Jezreelite. ([1 Kings 21:7](#))
- Accordingly she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them

with his seal, and sent the letters to the older men and the nobles that were in his city dwelling with **Naboth**. (1 Kings 21:8)

- But she wrote in the letters, saying; Proclaim a fast, and have **Naboth** sit at the head of the people. (1 Kings 21:9)
- And make two men, good-for-nothing fellows, sit in front of him, and let them bear witness against him, saying; You have cursed God and the king! And bring him out and stone him that he may die. (1 Kings 21:10)
- So the men of his city, the older men and the nobles that were dwelling in his city, did just as Jezebel had sent to them, just as it was written in the letters that she had sent to them. (1 Kings 21:11)
- They proclaimed a fast and had **Naboth** sit at the head of the people. (1 Kings 21:12)
- Then two of the men, good-for-nothing fellows, came in and sat down in front of him, and the good-for-nothing men began to bear witness against him, that is, **Naboth**, in front of the people, saying; **Naboth** has cursed God and the king! After that they brought him out to the outskirts of the city and stoned him with stones, so that he died. (1 Kings 21:13)
- They now sent to Jezebel, saying; **Naboth** has been stoned so that he is dead. (1 Kings 21:14)
- And it came about that, as soon as Jezebel heard that **Naboth** had been stoned so that he died, Jezebel immediately said to Ahab; Rise up, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money, for Naboth is no longer alive, but dead. (1 Kings 21:15)
- And it came about that, as soon as Ahab heard that **Naboth** was dead, Ahab at once rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it. (1 Kings 21:16)
- And Yehowah's word came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying; (1 Kings 21:17)
- Rise up, go down to meet Ahab the king of Israel, who is in Samaria. There he is in the vineyard of **Naboth**, where he has

gone down to take possession of it. (1 Kings 21:18)

- And you must speak to him, saying; This is what Yehowah has said; Have you murdered and also taken possession? And you must speak to him, saying; This is what Yehowah has said; In the place where the dogs licked up the blood of **Naboth**, the dogs will lick up your blood, even yours. (1 Kings 21:19)
- And Ahab proceeded to say to Elijah; Have you found me, O enemy of mine? To which he said; I have found you. For the reason that you have sold yourself to do what is bad in the eyes of Yehowah. (1 Kings 21:20)
- Here I am bringing calamity upon you, and I shall certainly make a clean sweep after you and cut off from Ahab anyone urinating against a wall and the helpless and worthless one in Israel. (1 Kings 21:21)
- And I shall certainly constitute your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the offense with which you have offended and then caused Israel to sin. (1 Kings 21:22)
- And also as regards Jezebel Yehowah has spoken, saying; The very dogs will eat up Jezebel in the plot of land of Jezreel. (1 Kings 21:23)
- This divine pronouncement was carried out.
- And there was a man that bent the bow in his innocence, but he got to strike the king of Israel between the appendages and the coat of mail, so that he said to his charioteer; Turn your hand around, and take me out from the camp, because I have been badly wounded. (1 Kings 22:34)
- And they began to wash off the war chariot by the pool of Samaria, and the dogs went licking up his blood, and the prostitutes themselves bathed there, according to Yehowah's word that he had spoken. (1 Kings 22:38)
- At that Jehoram said; Hitch up! So his war chariot was hitched up and Jehoram the king of Israel and Ahaziah the king of Judah went out, each in his own war chariot. As they continued on out to meet Jehu, they got to find him in the tract of land of **Naboth**

the Jezreelite. (2 Kings 9:21)

- And Jehu himself filled his hand with a bow and proceeded to shoot Jehoram between the arms, so that the arrow came out at his heart, and he collapsed in his war chariot. (2 Kings 9:24)
- He now said to Bidkar his adjutant; Lift him up, throw him into the tract of the field of **Naboth** the Jezreelite, for remember: I and you were riding teams behind Ahab his father, and Yehowah himself lifted up this pronouncement against him. (2 Kings 9:25)
- Certainly the blood of **Naboth** and the blood of his sons I saw yesterday, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I shall certainly repay you in this tract of land, is the utterance of Yehowah. So now, lift him up, throw him into the tract of land according to the word of Yehowah. (2 Kings 9:26)
- When they went to bury her, they did not find anything of her but the skull and the feet and the palms of the hands. (2 Kings 9:35)
- When they returned and told him, he went on to say; It is the word of Yehowah that he spoke by means of his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying; In the tract of land of Jezreel the dogs will eat the flesh of Jezebel. (2 Kings 9:36)
- Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. Therefore Jehu wrote letters and sent them to Samaria to the princes of Jezreel, the older men and the caretakers of Ahab, saying; (2 Kings 10:1)
- Now, then, at the very time that this letter comes to you there are with you the sons of your lord, and there are with you the war chariots and the horses and a fortified city and the armor. (2 Kings 10:2)
- And you must see which is the best and most upright of the sons of your lord and put him upon the throne of his father. Then fight for the house of your lord. (2 Kings 10:3)
- And they became very greatly afraid and began to say; Look! Two kings themselves did not stand before him, and how shall we ourselves stand? (2 Kings 10:4)
- Consequently the one who was over the house and the one who was over the city and the older men and the caretakers sent to

Jehu, saying; We are your servants, and everything that you say to us we shall do. We shall not make anyone king. What is good in your own eyes do. (2 Kings 10:5)

- **At that he wrote them a second letter, saying; If you belong to me, and it is my voice that you are obeying, take the heads of the men that are sons of your lord and come to me tomorrow at this time at Jezreel. Now the sons of the king, seventy men, were with the distinguished men of the city that were bringing them up. (2 Kings 10:6)**
- **And it came about that as soon as the letter came to them, they went taking the sons of the king and slaughtering them, seventy men, after which they put their heads in baskets and sent them to him at Jezreel. (2 Kings 10:7)**
- **Then the messenger came in and told him, saying; They have brought the heads of the sons of the king. So he said; Put them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until morning. (2 Kings 10:8)**
- **And it came about in the morning that he proceeded to go out. Then he stood still and said to all the people; You are righteous. Here I myself conspired against my lord, and I got to kill him, but who struck down all these? (2 Kings 10:9)**
- **Know, then, that nothing of Yehowah's word will fall unfulfilled to the earth that Yehowah has spoken against the house of Ahab, and Yehowah himself has done what he spoke by means of his servant Elijah. (2 Kings 10:10)**
- **Moreover, Jehu went on to strike down all who were left over of the house of Ahab in Jezreel and all his distinguished men and his acquaintances and his priests, until he had let no survivor of his remain. (2 Kings 10:11)**