

I KINGS 21; May 30; Jezebel Has Naboth Murdered For Ahab

ANALYSIS:

1. Why did Naboth refuse to sell or trade his vineyard to Ahab?

2. How many evil and dishonest things did Jezebel do to get Naboth killed? _____

3. What prophetic warnings did Elijah give Ahab while he was in Naboth's vineyard? _____

4. What was Ahab's response to Elijah's prophetic warnings?

5. What benefit did Ahab obtain by humbling himself before the LORD?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Why did the inhabitants of Jezreel carry out the evil scheme that Jezebel wrote and forged with Ahab's seal? Were they afraid to differ with their king? Did they think such a plan was right? Were they so morally corrupt that they were indifferent to right and wrong? Did they not think for themselves and prove all things? Just because some high government official states an opinion, issues a proclamation or signs a law does not make it right.

When authorities beat and imprisoned Peter and the other apostles for preaching the good news about Jesus they rightly and courageously answered, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

As a Christian we ought always to obey God and do right, even if we encounter threats or opposition from authorities.

HELP:

1. "The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my father unto you (v 3).

2. She wrote a letter in Ahab's name, sealed it with Ahab's seal, proclaimed a fast (insincere religion), set Naboth on high (insincere honor), asked for two men to lie about Naboth, saying he had blasphemed God and the king, told the men of the city to stone him to death (v 8-10).

3. In the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth they will lick your blood, all you posterity will be cut off and eaten by dogs & fowl of the air; and dogs will eat Jezebel (vs 19-24).

4. He rent his clothes, put sackcloth on his flesh, fasted, lay in sackcloth, went softly (v 27).

5. God's judgment on his house would not come in his lifetime, but in his son's (v 29).