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The Bible is so interesting; even the Old Testament. Remember: when reading the 1st and 2nd Chronicles... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 2 tribes of the **Southern Kingdom**, the House of **Judah**;

King Ahab desires the vineyard of Naboth,

¹ And it happened after these things, that Naboth of Jezreel had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

² And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house: and I will give you a better vineyard than it; or if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money.

³ And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid me, that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers / for well-known reasons since the time of Moses, found in Leviticus 25 and Numbers 36, he refused to sell solely because of the divine law of paternal inheritance; not disrespecting the king, but respecting the lineages of Israel.

⁴ So Ahab went to his house sulking and irritated because of the word Naboth of Jezreel spoke to him: for he had said, I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers. And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face pouting, and ate no food.

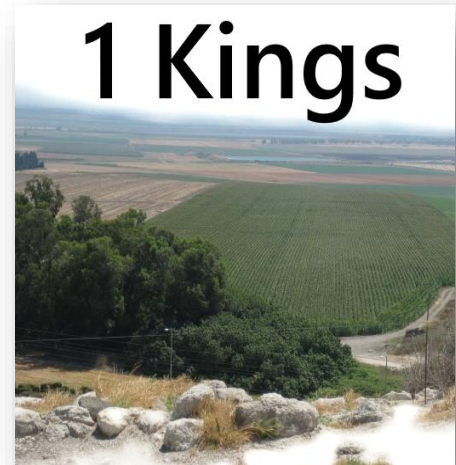
⁵ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, Why is your spirit so miserable, that you eat no food?

⁶ And he said to her, Because I spoke to Naboth of Jezreel, and said to him, Give me your vineyard for money; or if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give you my vineyard.

⁷ And Jezebel his wife said to him, Do you now govern over the kingdom of Israel? Get up, and eat, and let your heart be merry: I will give you the vineyard of Naboth of Jezreel.

⁸ So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who were in his city, living with Naboth.

⁹ And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the people:



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¹⁰ and seat two worthless men, sons of Belial / S.O.B's, next to him, and have them testify against him, saying, You blasphemed God and the king. Then carry him out, and stone him to death. / fake news just like we hear now days; but it never ends well for the fakers does it?

¹¹ So the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did just as Jezebel said to them, as it was written in the letters which she sent them.

¹² They proclaimed a fast, and seated Naboth at the head of the people.

¹³ Then the two worthless men, the sons of Belial, came and sat next to him: and the men of Belial testified against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth blasphemed God and the king. Then they carried him forth from the city, and stoned him to death with stones.



¹⁴ Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth has been stoned, and is dead.

¹⁵ And it happened, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Get up, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth of Jezreel, who refused to give it to you for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

¹⁶ And it happened, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab got up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth of Jezreel, to take possession of it.

¹⁷ And the word of the LORD came to Elijah of Tishbi in Gilead, saying,

¹⁸ Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he is gone to take possession of it.

¹⁹ And you will speak to him, saying, Thus says the LORD, Have you murdered, and also taken possession? And you will speak to him, saying, Thus says the LORD, In the place where dogs lapped up the blood of Naboth, dogs will lap up your blood, even yours.

²⁰ And Ahab said to Elijah, Have you found me, O my enemy? And he answered, I have found you: because you have sold yourself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.

²¹ Behold, I will bring evil on you, and will sweep away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab he who pisseth against the wall, and he who is slave or free in Israel,

²² And will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the incitement with which you have incited My anger, and made Israel sin.

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²³ And of Jezebel the LORD also spoke saying, The dogs will eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

²⁴ The one of Ahab who dies in the city, the dogs will consume; and the one who dies in the field the birds of the air will devour.

²⁵ Surely there was none like Ahab, who sold himself to do wrong in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife incited.

²⁶ And he acted abominably following idols, according to all that the Amorites did, whom the LORD threw out before the children of Israel.

²⁷ And it happened, when Ahab heard those words, that he ripped his clothes, and put on sackcloth, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went about despondently.

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

²⁹ Do you see how Ahab humbles himself before Me? Because he humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but I will bring evil on his house in his son's days.

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