

AHAB AND NABOTH

I Kings 21

Although Ahab was heavy and displeased about God's message foretelling the destruction of himself and his people, he did not turn to God. See what he did do:

A. Ahab's Negotiations with Naboth: Read I Kings 21:1-4

1. Who owned a vineyard next to Ahab's palace? I Kings 21:1

2. What did Ahab ask Naboth to do? I Kings 21:2a, b

3. For what did Ahab want to use the vineyard, and why? I Kings 21:2c, d

4. Of what two things did Ahab offer Naboth his choice in return?
I Kings 21:2e, f
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
5. Why did Naboth not want to give up the property? I Kings 21:3c, 4d
(See Leviticus 25:23-34)

6. After receiving Naboth's answer, how did Ahab feel? I Kings 21:4a

7. Therefore, what four things did he do? I Kings 21:4a-e
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

B. Jezebel's Actions Concerning Naboth: Read I Kings 21:5-16

1. Who noticed Ahab's unusual behavior, and asked about it? I Kings 21:5

2. When Ahab told her the reason for his actions, what did she promise to do? I Kings 21:7

3. To whom did she then write letters in Ahab's name, using his official seal?
I Kings 21:8

4. What did she ask them to get people to accuse Naboth of doing?
I Kings 21:9, 10b

5. Then what did she ask them to do? I Kings 21:10c

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6. Did the elders do this? I Kings 21:11-13

7. When Jezebel heard this news, what did she tell her husband to do?
I Kings 21:14, 15

8. Did Ahab do as she said? I Kings 21:16

C. God's Message to Ahab: Read I Kings 21:17-24

1. To whom did God then speak? I Kings 21:17

2. What did God tell him to do? I Kings 21:18

3. What question was he to ask Ahab? I Kings 21:19a-c

4. What message was Elijah then to give him? I Kings 21:19d-f

5. When Elijah found Ahab, what did he say Ahab had done? ***I Kings 21:20f***

6. What did he say would happen to

a. Ahab himself? I Kings 21:21a

b. His posterity (descendants)? I Kings 21:21b-22, 24

c. His wife, Jezebel? I Kings 21:23

D. Ahab's Response to God's Message: Read I Kings 21:25-29

1. How did Ahab compare with all others? ***I Kings 21:25***

2. Like whom did he behave? I Kings 21:26

3. Yet when he heard God's message, what five things did he do? I Kings 21:27

4. Therefore, notice what God said about the promised punishment:
I Kings 21:28, 29

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Was Naboth's vineyard worth the price Ahab and his family had to pay for it?

2. Have I ever insisted on having something God in His all-wise providence had withheld from me? What sin(s) did I commit in order to get it? What was the result? Could the punishment have been lighter? On what condition?
