

HISTORY

IN 1 & 2 KINGS

Death Among the Vines

Injustice Always Meets God's Justice



1 Kings 21 - 2 Kings 9

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Four People



Ahab was the most wicked king who ever sat on the throne of the nation of Israel.



Naboth was not a king, a prophet, or a warrior. He was just a man with a vineyard.



Jezebel married Ahab in a political alliance and then began to control his life, and then the whole religious life of the nation of Israel.



Elijah was God's Prophet.

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1 Kings 21:1-4

¹Some time passed after these events. Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard; it was in Jezreel next to the palace of King Ahab of Samaria.

²So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard so I can have it for a vegetable garden, since it is right next to my palace. I will give you a better vineyard in its place, or if you prefer, I will give you its value in silver."³ But Naboth said to Ahab, "As the LORD is my witness, I will never give my ancestors' inheritance to you."⁴ So Ahab went to his palace resentful and angry because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had told him. He had said, "I will not give you my ancestors' inheritance." He lay down on his bed, turned his face away, and didn't eat any food.

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The Lesson

Sometimes Obedience to God Will Put You at Odds With Powerful People



Better to lose everything and keep your integrity than to gain the world and lose your soul.

Matthew 16:26

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The Truth

Sometimes God Calls His People to Confront Sin Not in Arrogance, Not With Cruelty, but With Courage



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2 Kings 9:35-36

³⁵But when they went out to bury her, they did not find anything but the skull, the feet, and the hands. ³⁶So they went back and told him, and he said, "This fulfills the LORD's word that he spoke through his servant Elijah the Tishbite: 'In the plot of land at Jezreel, the dogs will eat Jezebel's flesh.'

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What Do We Learn From Death Among the Vines?



Naboth - Choose Faithfulness Over Compromise
Ahab - Guard Your Heart Against Covetousness
Jezebel - Reject the Abuse of Power
Elijah - Speak Truth With Courage
God - His Justice Will Always Prevail

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A Foreshadowing of the Lord Jesus



Naboth, the innocent man falsely accused and killed, points to Jesus, the truly innocent One condemned by corrupt leaders.

The cross looked like injustice, but three days later the empty tomb declared that God's justice always wins.



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