

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
1 Kings 21:1-29
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1 Kings 21:1-4

Proverbs 14:12

Isaiah 5:20 – You are headed for judgment.

1 Kings 16:28-1 Kings 22 – Wicked Ahab Of Israel

Elijah is God’s instrument during Israel’s difficult times.

1 Kings 17-2 Kings 2.

1. 1 Kings 21:1-16 – Breaking God’s Laws

2. 1 Kings 21:17-29 – Hearing God’s Sentence

1. 1 Kings 21:1-16 – Breaking God’s Laws:

1 Kings 21:1

“Now it came about after these things” – 1 Kings 20:42-43.

Verses 1-4 – Ahab’s Covetousness.

“was in Jezreel beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.” – The area of Jezreel – about 10 miles east of Megiddo to the south of the valley.

1 Kings 18:46

1 Kings 21:2

Exodus 20:17

Commandments 1-9 focus on forbidden outward conduct. The 10th Commandment deals primarily with the inward desires of the heart.

1 Kings 21:3

Leviticus 25:23-28 – Which meant that Naboth was forbidden to sell his land to the king.

1 Kings 21:4

“So Ahab came into his house sullen and vexed” – 1 Kings 20:43.

Verses 5-10 – Bearing False Witness: 1 Kings 21:5-6.

Heart Makes A Convert Of The Mind! The excuses that a person will make to fulfill the desires of the heart!

1 Kings 21:7

“Jezebel his wife said to him, ‘Do you now reign over Israel?’” – Literally “is this how you act as a king over Israel?”

Jezebel was a resolute woman who never allowed the truth to stand in the way of what she wanted. Proverbs 9:7-8

Genesis 3:16 – The word “desire” – “to control, to master.” The curse of the fall of man has produced the great temptation for the woman to take control and to rule the home! Fix things.

1 Peter 3:1-2

1 Kings 21:8-9

Proverbs 6:16-19

1 Kings 21:10

Exodus 20:16

Samuel warned about this kind of monarch, 1 Samuel 8:14.

Warren Wiersbe said, “A true leader uses his authority to build the people, while a dictator uses the people to build his authority, and people are expendable.”

Verses 11-13 – Committing Murder: 1 Kings 21:11-13.

“Then the two worthless men” – In every town there were “men of Belial – worthless fellows” who would do anything for money or just to become important.

“testified against him,” – The procedure Jezebel outlined was in agreement with the law (Deuteronomy 17:6-7; 19:15; Numbers 35:30).

“even against Naboth, before the people, saying, ‘Naboth cursed God and the king.’” – (Leviticus 24:13-16) and cursing the king was dangerous because he was God’s appointed ruler (Exodus 22:28; Acts 23:5).

This trial seems familiar to the mock trial that Jesus went through.
Matthew 26:59-67; 23:32-36.

“So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death with stones.”
– This is cold-blooded murder. There was also the murder of his sons,
2 Kings 9:26.

Verses 14-16 – Land Theft: 1 Kings 21:14-16.

Exodus 20:15

If ever two people were guilty of blaspheming God and breaking His laws, it was Ahab and Jezebel.

2. 1 Kings 21:17-29 – Hearing God’s Sentence:

1 Kings 21:17 – We have heard nothing from or about Elijah since he called Elisha to be his successor, 1 Kings 19.

1 Kings 21:18-19

“Thus says the LORD, ‘Have you murdered’” – Charge of murder,
Exodus 20:13; “and also taken possession?” – Charge with Coveting,
Exodus 20:17.

1 Kings 22:38

1 Kings 21:20 – Previously, Ahab called Elijah, 1 Kings 18:17 – “you troubler of Israel.”

Galatians 4:16

1 Kings 21:21-22

“make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,” –
1 Kings 14:10-11

“house of Baasha the son of Ahijah,” – 1 Kings 16:4-7

1 Kings 21:23

2 Kings 9-10 – Worse fate.

1 Kings 21:24-26

“according to all that the Amorites had done,” – What an indictment that Ahab was like the Canaanites, that he was to be cast out. He had become one of them.

1 Kings 21:27-29

Ahab rules 3 more years, 1 King 22:1.

“I will not bring the evil in his days, but I will bring the evil upon his house in his son’s days.” – 2 Kings 9:14-37.

Ahab was slain on the battlefield and the dogs licked his blood at the pool of Samaria, 1 Kings 22:37-3.

Application:

1. The Bible Warns Us About Being Covetous, Luke 12:15. We Need To Remember Achan In Jericho; Now Remember Ahab.
2. The Bible Is Clear That Jezebel, Ahab’s Wife, Incited Him To Do Evil, But Ahab Was Held Responsible For His Own Actions.
3. Warren Wiersbe said, “A True Leader Uses His Authority To Build The People, While A Dictator Uses The People To Build His Authority, And People Are Expendable.”
4. Ahab Is An Example Of God’s Grace. When Ahab Humbled Himself, The Lord Didn’t Cancel The Announced Judgments, But Postponed Them Until The Reign Of Ahab’s Son Joram.