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1 Kings 21.

1 **. Naboth Is Murdered for His Vineyard. .**

It happened after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near to my house; and I will give you for it a better vineyard than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money."

3 Naboth said to Ahab, "May YAHWEH forbid me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!"

4 Ahab came into his house sullen and angry because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." He laid himself down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

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

6 He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' He answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'"

7 Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise, and eat bread, and let your heart be merry. I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

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, who lived with Naboth.

9 She wrote in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

10 Set two men, base fellows, before him, and let them testify against him, saying, 'You cursed ELOHIM and the king!' Then carry him out, and stone him to death."

11 The men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, according as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

13 The two men, the base fellows, came in and sat before him. The base fellows testified against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed ELOHIM and the king!" Then they carried him out of the city, and stoned him to death with stones.

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

15 It happened, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead."

16 It happened, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17 **. YAHWEH Condemns Ahab. .**

The word of YAHWEH came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

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

19 You shall speak to him, saying, "Thus says YAHWEH, 'Have you killed and also taken possession?'" You shall speak to him, saying, "Thus says YAHWEH, 'In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs will lick your blood, even yours.'"

20 Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, my enemy?" He answered, "I have found

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you, because you have sold yourself to do that which is evil in the sight of YAHWEH!

21 Behold, I will bring evil on you, and will utterly sweep you away and will cut off from Ahab everyone who urinates against a wall, and him who is shut up and him who is left at large in Israel.

22 I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah for the provocation with which you have provoked me to anger, and have made Israel to sin.”

23 YAHWEH also spoke of Jezebel, saying, “The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the rampart of Jezreel.

24 The dogs will eat he who dies of Ahab in the city; and the birds of the sky will eat he who dies in the field.”

25 But there was none like Ahab, who sold himself to do that which was evil in the sight of YAHWEH, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

26 He did very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites did, whom YAHWEH cast out before the children of Israel.

27 It happened, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes, and put sackcloth on his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

28 The word of YAHWEH came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

29 “See how Ahab humbles himself before me? Because he humbles himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days; but in his son’s days will I bring the evil on his house.”

Amos 5.

1 . A Lament for Israel. .

Listen to this word which I take up for a lamentation over you, O house of Israel.

2 “The virgin of Israel has fallen; She shall rise no more. She is cast down on her land; there is no one to raise her up.”

3 For thus says ADONAI YAHWEH: “The city that went forth a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which went forth one hundred shall have ten left to the house of Israel.”

4 . A Call to Repentance. .

For thus says YAHWEH to the house of Israel: “Seek me, and you will live;

5 but don’t seek Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and don’t pass to Beersheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nothing.

6 Seek YAHWEH, and you will live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, and there be no one to quench it in Bethel.

7 You who turn justice to wormwood, and cast down righteousness to the earth:

8 seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns the shadow of death into the morning, and makes the day dark with night; who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the earth, YAHWEH is his name,

9 who brings sudden destruction on the strong, so that destruction comes on the fortress.

10 They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks blamelessly.

11 Forasmuch therefore as you trample on the poor, and take taxes from him of wheat: You have built houses of cut stone, but you will not dwell in them. You have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

12 For I know how many your offenses, and how great are your sins you who afflict the just, who take a bribe, and who turn aside the needy in the courts.

13 Therefore a prudent person keeps silent in such a time, for it is an evil time.

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14 Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Hosts, will be with you, as you say.

15 Hate evil, love good, and establish justice in the courts. It may be that YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.”

16 . The Day of YAHWEH. .

Therefore thus says YAHWEH, the ELOHIM of Hosts, ADONAI: “Wailing will be in all the broad ways; and they will say in all the streets, ‘Alas! Alas!’ and they will call the farmer to mourning, and those who are skillful in lamentation to wailing.

17 In all vineyards there will be wailing; for I will pass through the midst of you,” says YAHWEH!

18 “Woe to you who desire the day of YAHWEH! Why do you long for the day of YAHWEH? It is darkness, and not light.

19 As if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; Or he went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall, and a snake bit him.

20 Won’t the day of YAHWEH be darkness, and not light? Even very dark, and no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your feasts, and I can’t stand your solemn assemblies.

22 Yes, though you offer me your burnt offerings and meal offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat animals.

23 Take away from me the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps.

24 But let justice roll on like rivers, and righteousness like a mighty stream.

25 “Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, house of Israel?

26 You also carried the tent of your king and the shrine of your images, the star of your god, which you made for yourselves.

27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus,” says YAHWEH, whose name is the ELOHIM of Hosts.

Psalms 21.

1 . To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David..

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm by David. The king rejoices in your strength, YAHWEH! How greatly he rejoices in your salvation!

2 You have given him his heart’s desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.

3 For you meet him with the blessings of goodness. You set a crown of fine gold on his head.

4 He asked life of you, you gave it to him, even length of days forever and ever.

5 His glory is great in your salvation. You lay honor and majesty on him.

6 For you make him most blessed forever. You make him glad with joy in your presence.

7 For the king trusts in YAHWEH! Through the loving kindness of the Most High, he shall not be moved.

8 Your hand will find out all of your enemies. Your right hand will find out those who hate you.

9 You will make them as a fiery furnace in the time of your anger. YAHWEH will swallow them up in his wrath. The fire shall devour them.

10 You will destroy their descendants from the earth, their posterity from among the children of men.

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- 11 For they intended evil against you. They plotted evil against you which cannot succeed.
12 For you will make them turn their back, when you aim drawn bows at their face.
13 Be exalted, YAHWEH, in your strength, so we will sing and praise your power.

Proverbs 5.

1 . The Peril of Adultery. .

- My son, pay attention to my wisdom. Turn your ear to my understanding:
2 that you may maintain discretion, that your lips may preserve knowledge.
3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey. Her mouth is smoother than oil,
4 But in the end she is as bitter as wormwood, and as sharp as a two-edged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death. Her steps lead straight to Sheol.
6 She gives no thought to the way of life. Her ways are crooked, and she doesn't know it.
7 Now therefore, my sons, listen to me. Don't depart from the words of my mouth.
8 Remove your way far from her. Don't come near the door of her house,
9 lest you give your honor to others, and your years to the cruel one;
10 lest strangers feast on your wealth, and your labors enrich another man's house.
11 You will groan at your latter end, when your flesh and your body are consumed,
12 and say, "How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;
13 neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor turned my ear to those who instructed me!
14 I have come to the brink of utter ruin, in the midst of the gathered assembly."
15 Drink water out of your own cistern, running water out of your own well.
16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, streams of water in the public squares?
17 Let them be for yourself alone, not for strangers with you.
18 Let your spring be blessed. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.
19 A loving doe and a graceful deer let her breasts satisfy you at all times. Be captivated always with her love.
20 For why should you, my son, be captivated with an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another?
21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of YAHWEH! He examines all his paths.
22 The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare him. The cords of his sin hold him firmly.
23 He will die for lack of instruction. In the greatness of his folly, he will go astray.

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