

The Book Of 1 Kings

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

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Lesson 62 The Plotting Of The Wicked

The heart of the wicked is constantly lusting after things. So, let's examine this plot to secure a vineyard.

1st Point Jezebel's Solution (1 Kings 21:5-10)

- I asked the question; *What's the world's answer to a husband laying on his bed sulking and refusing to eat because someone said, NO?*
- **Answer;** Get yourself a Jezebel wife!
- This Jezebel did several things to get this vineyard.
 - **First; she brought false witness against Naboth.**
- She did this by forging letters in her husband's name. (Note **verse 8** says...**she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal...**)
- **Secondly, she would disguise this entire undertaking under the idea that this is a religious fast.** (Note **verse 9**)
- People are still doing this today. So many things are being done in the Church under the disguise of "the Lord led me to do this or say this".
- **Thirdly, she got two scoundrels to falsely accuse Naboth of cursing God and King Ahab.**
- Notice how Jezebel does what many still do today. False teachers and so called false prophets twist and misrepresent the Word of God to try and justify their actions.
- According to **Deuteronomy 17:6-7**, the Law required at least two witnesses to condemn a person in Israel.
- **Fourthly, it's important to know that Jezebel wanted Naboth killed.**
- So, again she used the Word of God erroneously to further her evil intentions
According to **Leviticus 24:16**, cursing God was punishable by death.

2nd Point Fearing Men & Women More Than God (1 Kings 21:11-14)

- When we read **verse 11**, we discover that these were the leading men of Jezreel.
- They obviously feared this woman more than God because they carried out her orders exactly.
- We don't read of one man who stood up and spoke out against this plan.
- The Bible called these two witnesses would bore false testimony the **... children of Belial... (verse 13)**; "literally the children of Satan or the Devil."
I couldn't help but notice that:
 - That a proud, boasting, blaspheming heathen king is spared, even received the term "brother", and honored by receiving an invitation to ride in King Ahab chariot.
 - But a just and pious Israelite is unjustly convicted and literally dragged out of the city and stoned to death.
 - According to **verses 13 & 14** not only did they carry out the stoning but they reported back to Jezebel that they had done what she had ordered

3rd Point **God Will Exact Revenge (2 Kings 9:26)**

Saints, God sees everything and HE doesn't forget. This passage in **2 Kings 9:26** lets us know that God will punish the wicked. It may not happen right away, but it will happen.

We remember the words in **Romans 12:19 ...Vengeance is MINE; I will repay, saith the LORD.**

- **Proverbs 20:22** says; **Say not thou; I will recompense (repay) evil; but wait on the LORD, and HE shall save (avenge) thee.**
- King Ahab pouting is over. He gets up and goes down to the vineyard and takes possession of what his wicked wife had secured for him through lies, deception and murder.
- Saints, "the world says the ends justifies the means".
- One of the clearest verses on this matter is found in Proverbs 1:19.
- In this verse Solomon is saying; sinners who plot to shed blood for profit will end up ensnaring themselves.

4th Point **God's Message Of Judgment On King Ahab (1 Kings 21:17-22)**

- In these verses we see that God knew all that had happened, and HE sent HIS prophet Elijah to settle matters with this wicked king.
- In **verse 20** King Ahab asked Elijah **...hast thou found me...?** This reminds us of what **Numbers 32:23** says; **Be sure your sins will find you out.**
- Elijah would announce doom on **the household** of King Ahab. Not just King Ahab, but his entire household.
- As we have already talked about, in a short time Elijah's prophecies would come true.

5th Point **Some Awesome & Devasting Words (1 Kings 21:20...thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD)**

WOW! The prophet says to this wicked King; "you have sold yourself to wickedness and now you must accept the wages you have earned.

- Note the emphasis in **verses 21-22** are on the words **I WILL**
- The LORD, through HIS prophet Elijah, tells King Ahab what he the king did.
- Now, the LORD, through HIS prophet Elijah tells King Ahab, what HE, the LORD is gonna do.
- It's like the LORD is saying to King Ahab;
 - o "King Ahab, You had your turn"
 - o "Now it's MY turn.

Calvary is the greatest demonstration of the **wicked work of men**

It is also the greatest demonstration of the **wonderous work of God.**

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In our next lesson the LORD is gonna turn HIS attention to this wicked Queen Jezebel.

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