

Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard

1st Kings 21:1-16

Naboth was a Jezreelite who had a vineyard in Jezreel. It was located near the palace of Ahab the king of Samaria. Ahab desired to have the vineyard and he went to Naboth asking for the vineyard because it was near his house. He offered him silver and said he would give him a better vineyard than the one he had.

Naboth refused and told Ahab, "Far be it from me, by YAHWEH, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you."

Ahab went back to his house angry over the word which Naboth had spoken. He laid down on his bed pouting and he would not eat food. Jezebel came to him, and asked, "Why are you angry and not eating food?"

He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite to give me his vineyard for silver, but he would not give it to me."

Jezebel said to him, "Aren't you the king of Israel? Rise up and eat food. Be glad, for I will give you his vineyard."

She wrote letters in the name of Ahab, and sealed them with his seal. She sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles of the city that Naboth lived in. She told them to have a feast and set Naboth at the head of the people as the guest of honor. Two wicked men were to sit across from him and say that he cursed Elohim and the king. Then they were to bring him outside the city and stone him to death.

The elders and the nobles who lived in his city carried out the instructions Jezebel had written in the letters to them. Naboth was falsely accused of cursing Elohim and the king and he was stoned to death by the people.

When Jezebel heard that Naboth had died she told Ahab to get up and take the vineyard because Naboth was no longer alive. So, Ahab got up and he took possession of the vineyard. This was a great sin in the eyes of Yahweh and He sent Elijah to Ahab. Elijah told Ahab he would die where Naboth died and Jezebel would die by the wall of Jezreel. Evil would come to the house of Ahab and his sons would die.

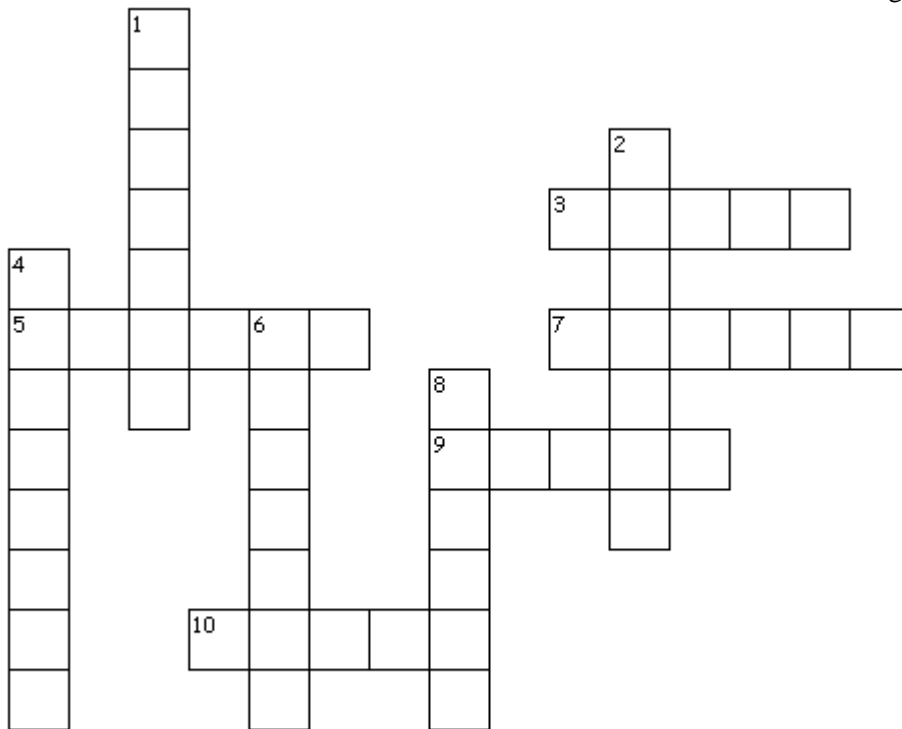
Ahab was sorry for what he did and he repented to Yahweh with fasting. Because Ahab humbled himself before Yahweh, Yahweh showed him mercy and did not bring evil to his sons while he was still alive.

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And it happened after these things, Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, close by the palace of Ahab the king of Samaria.

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Across

3. Yahweh showed Ahab _____ after he humbled himself.
5. Who was sent to rebuke Ahab?
7. How did Naboth die?
9. When Ahab didn't get the vineyard he was _____.
10. What did Jezebel ask the elders and nobles to call?

Down

1. Ahab was the king of _____.
2. What did Jezebel write in the name of Ahab?
4. What did Ahab do after being rebuked?
6. Naboth was falsely _____.
8. Who owned the vineyard?



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Ahab

Elders

Elijah

Fasting

Feast

Inheritance

Israel

Jezebel

King

Letters

Mercy

Naboth

Nobels

Possession

Repented

Samaria

Seal

Silver

Sin

Vineyard



And Naboth said to Ahab, Far be it from me, by
YAHWEH, that I should give the inheritance of my
fathers to you.
1st Kings 21:3

