King Ahab and the wicked Queen Jezebel



King Ahab loved living in his summer palace by **Jezreel.** Next door to the King's garden was a plot of land belonging to a man named **Naboth**. Naboth had turned the garden into a **vineyard.** Ahab admired the piece of land and wanted to turn it into a garden for himself. He spoke to Naboth about selling his land, but Naboth declined the offer. Ahab was **angry** and **disappointed**.

When King Ahab's wife **Jezebel** found out that her husband wanted the vineyard and the owner declined to sell. She laughed and teased Ahab saying, "You are supposed to be king and what is good about being king if you cannot get what you want."

She then took matters into her own hands and become determined to get rid of Naboth. She hired some people to lie and say that Naboth was calling out **curses** against God and the king. She knew that Naboth could be put on trial and found guilty and eventually put to death.

After Jezebel had received the message that Naboth and his sons had died, she turned to the King and told him he can have the precious piece of land he was admiring. All this time, God saw all that had happened, and he sent for the prophet **Elijah** to speak to the King. Elijah went to the king without hesitation. Upon Elijah's arrival, he told King Ahab that all during his life on earth he had done wrong and had broken all the **laws.** He told him that he had caused death to an innocent man and his family. Elijah warned the King that death will come suddenly to him and his wife.

After Elijah had left, Ahab felt very **ashamed** and **sorry** for what he had done, and he knew his wife must share in the blame for what they did wrong. God noticed how Ahab became sorry for what he had done and God put off the time when he and his wife should be punished.

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1. Who was Jezebel? (1)

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2. Who was Naboth? (1)

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3. What did the King want from Naboth? (1)

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4. What was the name of the prophet that was sent to warn the king? (1)

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5. Choose one of the following that would best describe Jezebel as a leader. (1)

(a) wicked and deceiving (b) kind and generous (c) forgiving and wicked

6. Did King Ahab show good leadership skill after Naboth declined his offer to buy his vineyard. Write yes or no. (1) _____

7. Give evident for the passage to support your answer. (2)

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8. What is a leadership quality that Elijah possessed after God give him instructions? (1)
(a) forgiving (b) obedient (c) responsible

9. Write TWO words to describe how Ahab felt when he was decline the land. [2]

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10. Queen Jezebel took matters into her own hands. Explain what she did to Naboth. [2]

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