

## 16. Jezebel

Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him. He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. (1 Kings 16:30-31 NLT)

Meanwhile, the famine had become very severe in Samaria. So Ahab summoned Obadiah, who was in charge of the palace. (Now Obadiah was a devoted follower of the LORD. Once when Jezebel had tried to kill all the LORD'S prophets, Obadiah had hidden one hundred of them in two caves. He had put fifty prophets in each cave and had supplied them with food and water. (1 Kings 18:2-4 NLT)

Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. (1 Kings 19:1-3 NIV)

... after these things ... Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which *was* in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab ... Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, ... Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee. And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased ... But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread ... Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? ... I will give thee the vineyard ... she wrote letters in Ahab's name ... unto the elders and to the nobles ... saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people: And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And *then* carry him out, and stone him, that he may die ... And the men of his city ... did as Jezebel had sent unto them (1 Kings 21:1-11 KJV)

"This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says ... I will avenge the murder of my prophets and all the LORD'S servants who were killed by Jezebel. The entire family of Ahab must be wiped out ... Dogs will eat Ahab's wife, Jezebel, at the plot of land in Jezreel, and no one will bury her. (2 Kings 9:6-10 NLT)



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AHAB	GARDEN	NOBLES
BAAL	HEAVY	OBADIAH
BLASPHEME	HERBS	OMRI
BREAD	INHERITANCE	PALACE
BURY	JEZEBEL	PLOT
CAVES	JEZREEL	PROCLAIM
DOGS	KILL	PROPHETS
ELIJAH	MESSENGER	STONE
FAMINE	MURDER	WIPED
FORBID	NABOTH	WORSHIP