

INTRODUCTION

- * In our study of the Biblical history of Israel we have been considering that history which is specific to the Northern Kingdom (Israel).
- * On March 9th, we transitioned into the testimony regarding the house of Omri and chiefly, King Ahab ... along with the ministry of Elijah.
- * In that message we noted the testimony of the reign of Ahab: "Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him. And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him. Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him." (1 Kings 16:30-33)
- * During the subsequent weeks, we considered the interaction of YHWH with Israel via his prophet Elijah.
- * Last week, we saw God's faithfulness in His protection of Northern Israel from the invasion of Ben-Hadad (of Syria). During that consideration we noted how many times God had been graciously seeking to reveal Himself to Ahab ... "that you shall know that I am YHWH." Yet, Ahab continually rebuffs those attempts.
- * Today, we will study one of the most infamous events recorded regarding Ahab and Jezebel - that regarding the "acquisition" of Naboth's vineyard.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE CON_____ATIONS (v. 1-10)

A. Between Ahab and Naboth (v. 1-3)

1. THE DE_____ OF AHAB (v. 1-2)
2. THE DE_____ OF NABOTH (v. 3)

B. Between Ahab and Jezebel (v. 4-10)

1. THE RE_____ OF AHAB (v. 4-6)
2. THE RE_____ OF JEZEBEL (v. 7-10)

II. THE CON_____ATIONS

A. Ahab and Jezebel's C_____e (v. 7-14)

1. THE J_____CATION OF NABOTH'S DEATH (v. 8-14; Deuteronomy 13:6-18; 17:2-7; 1 Samuel 7:3-6)
2. THE C_____CATION OF NABOTH'S VINEYARD (v. 15-16)

B. Ahab and Jezebel's C_____e (v. 17-29)

1. THE O_____ OF GOD (v. 17-20; Psalm 139: 1-12)
2. THE W_____ OF GOD (v. 21-24)
 - * Romans 12:17-21; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; Revelation 6:9-11
 - * 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 2 Corinthians 5:6-11; 1 Corinthians 3:11-17
3. THE M_____ OF GOD (v. 25-29)

INTROSPECTION

- * DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE THAT GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER ALL THE AFFAIRS OF MEN?
- * ARE YOU TRUSTING IN GOD'S ULTIMATE JUSTICE?
- * DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL HOLD YOU ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS AS WELL?
- * HOW DOES YOUR MERCY COMPARE TO GOD'S?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND, THEREFORE, ACT?