

# 1 Kings 21:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of naboth's vineyard, within the book's focus on prophetic ministry of Elijah confronting Baalism.

The Hebrew text reveals nuances important for understanding this passage's contribution to 1 Kings' theological message about kingship, covenant, and faithfulness to Yahweh. This verse demonstrates the consequences when God's people—especially their leaders—either follow or forsake the covenant established at Sinai.

## Historical Context

First Kings was written during or after the Babylonian exile (6th century BCE), reflecting on the monarchy period (10th-9th centuries BCE) to explain why the kingdoms fell. Elijah's ministry (c. 860-850 BCE) occurred during Ahab's reign, a time of intense spiritual crisis in Israel.

Ancient Near Eastern kingship ideology viewed kings as divine representatives responsible for maintaining cosmic order through right worship. Archaeological discoveries from sites like Megiddo, Hazor, and Samaria confirm the historical

reliability of 1 Kings' descriptions of building projects and administrative structures.

## Related Passages

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage illustrate the importance of complete obedience to God's word without compromise?
2. What does Elijah's ministry reveal about God's character and His commitment to His covenant people?
3. How does this verse point toward or prepare for the coming of Christ and His eternal kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיְהִי	אַחֲרֵי	בְּאַלְמָנָה	בְּדַקְרֵב יִם	בְּרִמָה	בְּרִמָה	בְּנֵי הָ
H1961	<b>And it came to pass after</b>		<b>these things</b>	H428	<b>had a vineyard</b>	H1961
	H310		H1697		H3754	
וְנַבְתָה	בְּיַצְרֵבָה	אֲלֵי	בְּיַצְרֵבָה	אֲלֵי	בְּיַצְרֵבָה	בְּנֵי הָ
that Naboth	the Jezreelite	H834	<b>which was in Jezreel</b>	H681	<b>hard by</b>	H1964
H5022	H3158		H3157			
שָׁמְרָנָה:	מֶלֶךְ	אַחֲרָה בְּ				
<b>of Ahab</b>	<b>king</b>	<b>of Samaria</b>				
H256	H4428	H8111				

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Chronicles 28:22** (Kingdom): And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: this is that king Ahaz.

**Judges 6:33** (Parallel theme): Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel.

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