

# 1 Kings 21:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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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

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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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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## 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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פַּיְרְעָל	וְ	נָבָ וֹת	יְהִוָּה	לְבָנָה	וְ	נָבָ וֹת	יְהִוָּה	לְבָנָה	וְ	נָבָ וֹת	יְהִוָּה	לְבָנָה
And he said		And he said		unto Naboth		the Jezreelite						
H1696	H413	H3588	H1696	H413	H5022	H3158						
and said	H0	I will not give	H0	H853	me thy vineyard	for money	H176					
H559		H5414			H3754	H3701						
אָמַ	רְ	כְּרָמִים	לְכָ	מִקְחָה	כְּרָמִים	לְכָ	מִקְחָה	כְּרָמִים	לְכָ	מִקְחָה	כְּרָמִים	לְכָ
or else if it please	H2655	H859	H5414	H0	H3754	H8478						
and said	H3808	I will not give	H5414	H0	H853	me thy vineyard						
H559												

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