

# Ezekiel 46:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; but he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

## Analysis

**Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession**—The נָשִׁי (nāśî', 'prince') must not הוֹנָה (hônāh, 'oppress/defraud') people's נַחֲלָה (naḥlāh, 'inheritance'), לְהוֹצִי' אֶם מֵאֲחֻזָּתָם (lēhōšî'ām mē'āḥuzzātām, 'to thrust them from their possession').

This prohibits royal land-grabbing—like Ahab seizing Naboth's vineyard (1 Kings 21). **But he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession**—The prince provides for sons from his own land, preventing displacement of אָמְמִי ('ammî, 'my people') from their אֲחֻזָּה (āḥuzzāh, 'possessions'). This protects against royal tyranny. Millennial kingdom includes righteous governance where leaders don't exploit subjects—fulfilled in Christ's just reign (Isaiah 11:3-5, Jeremiah 23:5-6, Revelation 19:11).

## Historical Context

Israelite kings often seized subjects' property: Ahab/Naboth (1 Kings 21), later kings' oppression (Ezekiel 22:27, 45:8-9). This violated Torah principles of property rights and tribal inheritances. Ezekiel's vision corrects this, establishing just governance where rulers protect rather than plunder. Jesus, the righteous Branch

(Jeremiah 23:5), governs perfectly—never oppressing, always protecting His people's inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-5).

## **Related Passages**

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## **Study Questions**

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1. How does prohibiting royal land-seizure demonstrate righteous governance?
2. What does Naboth's vineyard (1 Kings 21) teach about property rights and royal abuse?
3. How does Christ's just reign fulfill Ezekiel's vision of non-oppressive leadership?

## Interlinear Text

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וְלֹא	יִקַּח	הַנָּשִׁיךְ	מִנְחָלָת	עַם י	לְהוֹנְתָם
H3808	shall not take	Moreover the prince	inheritance	of the people's	by oppression
	H3947	H5387	H5159	H5971	H3238
מֵאֲחֻזּוֹ:	מֵאֲחֻזּוֹ:	יִנְחָל	אֶת	בְּנֵי יו	
from his possession	from his possession	inheritance	H853	but he shall give his sons	
H272	H272	H5157		H1121	
לֹא	אֲשֶׁר	לִמְעַן	יִפְּצוּ	עַם י	אִישׁ
H4616	H834	H3808	be not scattered	of the people's	every man
			H6327	H5971	H376
מֵאֲחֻזּוֹ:					
from his possession					
H272					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 45:8** (Parallel theme): In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and the rest of the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

**Ezekiel 22:27** (Parallel theme): Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.

**1 Kings 21:19** (Parallel theme): And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

**Psalms 78:72** (Parallel theme): So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

**Ephesians 4:8** (Parallel theme): Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

**John 10:28** (Parallel theme): And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

**Ezekiel 34:21** (Parallel theme): Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder, and pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad;

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