

1 Kings 21

And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

Readings this week:

- S 1 Kings 21:1-16
- M 1 Kings 21:17-29
- T Deuteronomy 19:15-21
- W 1 Kings 22:29-40
- Th 2 Kings 9:30-37
- F James 4:1-6
- S Matthew 6:19-24



Read through the story of Ahab and Naboth's vineyard and fill in Ahab's diary. Try to show how Ahab changes what he is thinking as the story unfolds.

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What I need is a vegetable garden ...

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It makes me cross. Naboth is so unreasonable ...

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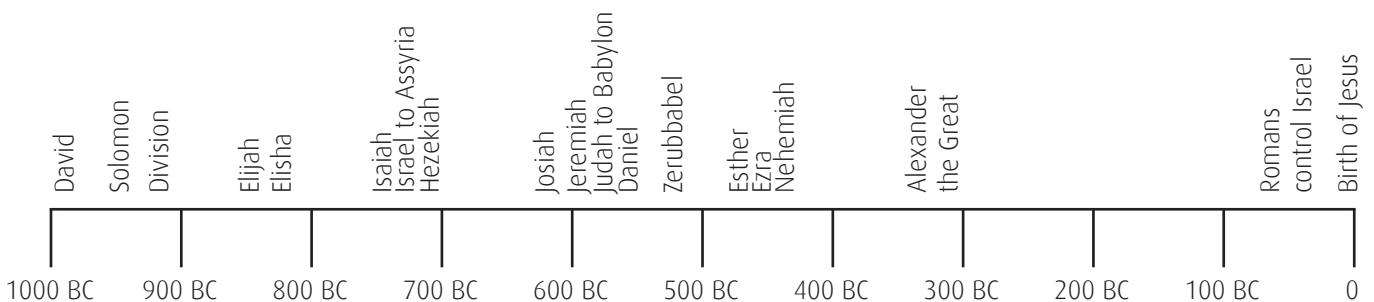
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Jezebel has arranged it all.

I must go and see my new garden ...

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Elijah came. The garden wasn't such a good idea ...





What happened to Ahab? 1 Kings 22:29-38

What happened to Jezebel? 2 Kings 9:30-37

Do you think that Ahab's biggest fault was being greedy, or was it being influenced by peer pressure? Talk about your ideas together in your group.

Are you ever motivated by greed?

Are you influenced by peer pressure?

When can peer pressure be a positive thing?

What do you need to do to make sure it is always positive?

How important is it to marry someone who shares your faith in God?



Does God care about justice and injustice today?

Can you think of any examples?

Talk about your ideas.

How would you describe Ahab's attitude? What could he have done to make it different?

## Digging Deeper

### What can we give to God?

Why wouldn't Naboth sell his vineyard? Leviticus 25:23.

So what did Naboth understand about the land he lived on?

Read Psalm 50:7-15. What is God saying about everything on the earth?

What can we possibly give to God? (v14-15)

Jezebel didn't mind using the law to get her own way. See Leviticus 24: 15 - 16. What does this remind you of? Think how this should make us careful.

Pray that your character may be formed not by selfishness and greed but by kindness and trust in God.