



I Kings 21: All about Jezebel

I Kings 21:7 "Jezebel his wife said, "Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I'll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezeerite."

I love this story. Am I sick? Na, it's just cool. Read about Jezebel, she has guts. I feel that many women in the Bible are not passive. Off the top of my head I think only the woman at the well in John 4 might be. Not Jezebel. King Ahab was anointed King of Israel. His first act as king according to the Bible is to intermarry between kingdoms. He married Jezebel and immediately put up her shins and worshiped her god Baal. This woman is probably beautiful, dominant, and aggressive.

Why do I like this story? Well, I love it when smart people do dumb things. Most people think they know stuff. They argue over their point. They defend their actions. Most people never consult God first. This King of Israel is not appointed by God. Right away it says he did evil in the sight of the Lord. Jezebel is not to blame mostly. She is who she is. It's king Ahab that changed to have her. I will go through a few of her outstanding quotes.

The first is found in 1 Kings 19. (back story) Elijah the Prophet is bold. He challenges Jezebel's God Baal to a fire fight. He wins. It's interesting that King Ahab then returns to the foreign country Jezreel. There he tells his wife Jezebel all about Elijah. She is a dominatrix. Jezebel sends a messenger to

Elijah saying *“So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.”* That is gutsy. She has that look like a woman with sharp eyebrows, thin lips, and killer looks. She might even look pale and thin. Ghastly evil!

Then we skip ahead to the verse in chapter 21. Naboth has a vineyard that Ahab wants. He is like a spoiled little rich kid. Ahab’s wife is totally evil. She is so thrilled by this king’s passive nature. She pounces upon it. She again sends a messenger to devise a plot to have Naboth killed. After the deed is done she coolly gives the land to her husband.

She is so cool. The Prophet Elijah told the word of the Lord to her husband. The two of them would be eaten by Dogs. I bet she laughed. I bet she laughed for a day or week. Ahab still amazingly believed in God. I know so many believers that married unbelievers. Their lives are a mess. Yet, they believe. God spares Ahab’s death for a season. Then he is licked up by dogs. We have to go all the way to 2 Kings 9 to see his evil wife getting tossed out a window to her death. Then dogs come and eat her.

I love it that she has made herself pretty as she knows her end is near. The evil queen thinks she can entice another. All this time she has seen her husband and several sons fall. The kingdom is crumbling around her. Yet, this cool cucumber never wilts. It’s just odd we have to force woman domination on people these days. In Biblical history woman were dominant many times. They didn’t need help. The Bible rocks! We have so many good and evil female characters. Strong characters. Jezebel certainly was a strong woman.