

**Time.**—About B. C. 900; four years before the death of Ahab. **Places.**—Samaria, the capital of Israel; Jezreel, a royal residence twenty-five miles to the north of Samaria. **Rulers.**—Ahab, king of Israel, B. C. 918-896; Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, 914-889; Benhadad, king of Syria; Shalmaneser, king of Assyria.

### Home Readings.

*M.* Naboth's Vineyard. 1 Kings 21. 1-6.

*Tu.* Naboth's Vineyard. 1 Kings 21. 7-16.

*W.* Law of inheritance. Lev. 25. 18-28.

*Th.* Vanity of wealth. Eccles. 2. 1-11.

*F.* Oppression condemned. Micah 2. 1-10.

*S.* Covetous Achan. Josh. 7. 10-13; 19-23.

*S.* Sin of covetousness. Luke 12. 13-21.

### Lesson Hymns.

No. 64, New Canadian Hymnal.

Yield not to temptation,  
For yielding is sin.

No. 420, New Canadian Hymnal.

Once I heard a sound at my heart's dark door,  
And was roused from the slumber of sin.

No. 408, New Canadian Hymnal.

'Tis sweet in the trials and conflict of sin,  
Temptation without and temptation within.

### QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR SCHOLARS.

#### 1. Ahab's Greed, v. 4-6.

What possession excited Ahab's greed?

For what purpose did he desire the land?

What offer did he make?

What hindered Naboth's compliance? See Num. 35. 7.

How did Naboth's refusal affect the king?

What did Jezebel ask?

What was the king's reply?

What law did Ahab break? **GOLDEN TEXT.**

#### 2. Jezebel's Crime, v. 7-16.

What promise did the queen make?

To what forgery did she resort?

What evil plot did she devise?

What was the Jewish law concerning witnesses?

Who were the obedient tools of Jezebel's will?

What was the result of the plot?

What did Jezebel bid Ahab to do?

How did the king become a partaker of the crime?

Where is all sin born? See Matt. 15. 19.

What wide caution should we all heed? See Prov. 4. 23.

### Teachings of the Lesson.

1. Learn the curse of greed. It banishes peace of mind; it excites evil passions; it often leads to gross crime; it challenges divine judgments.

2. Learn the gain of godliness. With contentment it is a royal heritage.

3. Shun evil counsel. Turn away from base suggestions. Have a deaf ear for the voice of the tempter.

### QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

#### 1. Ahab's Greed, v. 4-6.

Of what was Ahab covetous?

What commandment did he thereby break? Exod. 20. 17.

To whom did the vineyard belong?

For what purpose did Ahab want it?

What did he offer to Naboth for it?

What was Naboth's reply?

How did this answer affect the king?

How did he show his displeasure?

What question did Jezebel ask the king?

What was Ahab's reply?

#### 2. Jezebel's Crime, v. 7-16.

What did Jezebel then ask?

What did she promise to do?

To whom did she send letters?

In whose name did she send them?

How did she command them to honor Naboth?

What wicked plot was then to be carried out?

What is the ninth commandment? Exod. 20. 16.

What did the elders and nobles do?

What message was sent to Jezebel?

What did Jezebel then say to Ahab?

What did Ahab at once do?

What is the sixth commandment? Exod. 20. 13.

### Practical Teachings.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That selfishness leads to sin?

2. That one sin leads to another?

3. That one sinner can do great harm?

### QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

What did King Ahab covet?

What is it to covet? **To want what is not our own.**

Why would not Naboth let it go to his king?

How did the king behave about it?

What do you think of boys or girls who sulk when they cannot have their own way?

Is there any cure for the sin that leads to such conduct? **Yes, true love for Jesus cures self-love.**

What did Jezebel say to the king? **"I will give thee the vineyard."**

What did she write to the rulers? **To attest Naboth, and put him to death.**

What more did she tell them to do? **To hire false witnesses against him.**