

LESSON V. NABOTH'S VINEYARD.

[July 31.]

GOLDEN TEXT. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house. EXOD. 20. 17.

AUTHORIZED VERSION.

[Read chapters 21 and 22.]

1 Kings 21. 4-16. [*Concord to memory verses 4-6.*]

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5 But Jez'e-bel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Na both the Jez're-el-ite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money: or else, if it please thee, I will give thee *another* vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

7 And Jez'e-bel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Is'ra-el? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Na both the Jez're-el-ite.

8 So she wrote letters in A'hab's name, and sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that *were* in his city, dwelling with Na both.

9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Na both on high among the people:

10 And set two men, sons of Be'li-al, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.

11 And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jez'e-bel had sent unto them, *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Na both on high among the people.

13 And there came in two men, children of Be'li-al, and sat before him: and the men of Be'li-al witnessed against him, *even* against Na both, in the presence of the people, saying, Na both did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.

14 Then they sent to Jez'e-bel, saying, Na both is stoned, and is dead.

15 And it came to pass, when Jez'e-bel heard that Na both was stoned, and was dead, that Jez'e-bel said to A'hab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Na both the Jez're-el-ite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Na both is not alive, but dead.

16 And it came to pass, when A'hab heard that Na both was dead, that A'hab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Na both the Jez're-el-ite, to take possession of it.

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