

¹And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.²And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.³And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.⁴And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.⁵But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?⁶And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, 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.⁷And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.⁸So she wrote letters in Ahab'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 Naboth.⁹And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:¹⁰And set two men,

¹وَحَدَثَ بَعْدَ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ أَنَّهُ كَانَ لِتَابُوتِ الْبِزْرَعِيلِيِّ كَرْمٌ فِي بِزْرَعِيلَ يَجَانِبَ قَصْرِ أَخَابَ مَلِكِ السَّامِرَةِ.²فَقَالَ أَخَابُ لِتَابُوتَ، أَعْطِنِي كَرْمَكَ فَيَكُونَ لِي بُسْتَانٌ بُعُولَ لَأَنَّهُ قَرِيبٌ يَجَانِبَ بَيْتِي، فَأَعْطَيْتَكَ عَوَضَهُ كَرْمًا أَحْسَنَ مِنْهُ. أَوْ إِذَا حَسُنَ فِي عَيْنِكَ أَعْطَيْتُكَ تَمَتَّهُ فَضَّةً.³فَقَالَ تَابُوتُ لِأَخَابَ، خَاسًا لِي مِنْ قِبَلِ الرَّبِّ أَنْ أَعْطَيْتَكَ مِيرَاثَ آبَائِي. فَدَخَلَ أَخَابُ بَيْتَهُ مُكْتَنِبًا مَعْمُومًا مِنْ أَجْلِ قَوْلِ تَابُوتِ الْبِزْرَعِيلِيِّ، لَا أَعْطَيْتَكَ مِيرَاثَ آبَائِي. وَاصْطَبَحَ عَلَى سَرِيرِهِ وَخَوَّلَ وَجْهَهُ وَلَمْ يَأْكُلْ خُبْزًا.⁵فَدَخَلَ إِلَيْهِ إِبْرَائِيلُ امْرَأَتُهُ وَقَالَتْ لَهُ، لِمَاذَا رُوحَكَ مُكْتَنِبَةً وَلَا تَأْكُلُ خُبْزًا.⁶فَقَالَ لَهَا، لِأَنِّي قُلْتُ لِتَابُوتِ الْبِزْرَعِيلِيِّ، أَعْطِنِي كَرْمَكَ يَفِضَّةً وَإِذَا شِئْتَ أَعْطَيْتُكَ كَرْمًا عَوَضَهُ فَقَالَ، لَا أَعْطَيْتَكَ كَرْمِي.⁷فَقَالَتْ لَهُ إِبْرَائِيلُ، أَنْتَ الْآنَ يَحْكُمُ عَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ. فَمُ كُلُّ خُبْرًا وَلَيَطْبُ قَلْبُكَ. أَنَا أَعْطَيْتَكَ كَرْمَ تَابُوتِ الْبِزْرَعِيلِيِّ. ثُمَّ كَتَبْتُ رِسَائِلَ بِاسْمِ أَخَابَ وَخَتَمْتُهَا بِخَاتَمِهِ، وَأَرْسَلْتُ الرِّسَائِلَ إِلَى الشُّبُوحِ وَالْأَشْرَافِ الَّذِينَ فِي مَدِينَةِ السَّاكِينِ مَعَ تَابُوتِ. وَكَتَبْتُ فِي الرِّسَائِلِ تَقُولُ، تَأْدُوا بِصَوْمٍ وَأَجْلِسُوا تَابُوتَ فِي رَأْسِ الشَّعْبِ.¹⁰وَأَجْلِسُوا رَجُلَيْنِ مِنْ بَنِي بَلِيْعَالٍ نَجَاهَهُ لِيَشْهَدَا قَائِلِينَ، قَدْ جَدَفْتَ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَعَلَى الْمَلِكِ. ثُمَّ أَخْرِجُوهُ وَارْجُمُوهُ فَيَمُوتَ.¹¹فَفَعَلَ رَجَالُ مَدِينَةِ الشُّبُوحِ وَالْأَشْرَافِ السَّاكِنُونَ فِي مَدِينَتِهِ كَمَا أَرْسَلْتُ إِلَيْهِمْ إِبْرَائِيلُ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ فِي الرِّسَائِلِ الَّتِي أَرْسَلْتُهَا إِلَيْهِمْ.¹²فَتَأْدُوا بِصَوْمٍ وَأَجْلِسُوا تَابُوتَ فِي رَأْسِ الشَّعْبِ.¹³وَأَتَى رَجُلَانِ مِنْ بَنِي بَلِيْعَالٍ وَجَلَسَا نَجَاهَهُ، وَشَهِدَا عَلَى تَابُوتِ أَمَامَ الشَّعْبِ، قَدْ جَدَفَ تَابُوتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَعَلَى الْمَلِكِ. فَأَخْرِجُوهُ خَارِجَ الْمَدِينَةِ وَرْجُمُوهُ بِجَارَةِ قَمَاتِ.¹⁴وَأَرْسَلُوا إِلَى إِبْرَائِيلَ يَقُولُونَ، قَدْ رُجِمَ تَابُوتُ وَقَمَاتِ. وَلَمَّا سَمِعَتْ إِبْرَائِيلُ أَنَّ تَابُوتَ قَدْ رُجِمَ وَقَمَاتِ، قَالَتْ لِأَخَابَ، فَمُ رَثُ كَرْمِ تَابُوتِ الْبِزْرَعِيلِيِّ الَّذِي أَبَى أَنْ يُعْطِيكَ إِيَّاهُ يَفِضَّةً، لِأَنَّ تَابُوتَ لَيْسَ حَيًّا بَلْ هُوَ مَيِّتٌ.¹⁶وَلَمَّا سَمِعَ أَخَابُ أَنَّ تَابُوتَ قَدْ مَاتَ قَامَ لِيَنْزِلَ إِلَى كَرْمِ تَابُوتِ الْبِزْرَعِيلِيِّ لِيَرْتَهُ.¹⁷فَكَانَ كَلَامُ الرَّبِّ إِلَى إِيلِيَّا النَّسَبِيِّ،¹⁸فَمُ انْزِلْ لِلِقَاءِ أَخَابَ مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ الَّذِي فِي السَّامِرَةِ. هُوَذَا هُوَ فِي كَرْمِ تَابُوتِ الَّذِي تَرَلَّ إِلَيْهِ لِيَرْتَهُ.¹⁹وَقُلْ لَهُ، هَكَذَا قَالَ الرَّبُّ، هَلْ قَتَلْتَ وَوَرِثْتَ أَيْضًا. فِي الْمَكَانِ الَّذِي لَحَسَتْ فِيهِ الْكِلَابُ دَمَ تَابُوتِ تَلَحَسُ الْكِلَابُ دَمَكَ أَنْتَ أَيْضًا.²⁰فَقَالَ

sons of Belial, 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 Jezebel 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 Naboth on high among the people.¹³ And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth 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 Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.¹⁵ And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.¹⁶ And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.¹⁷ And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,¹⁸ Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.¹⁹ 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

أَخَابَ لَيْلِيَا، هَلْ وَجَدْتَنِي يَا عَدُوِّي. فَقَالَ، قَدْ وَجَدْتُكَ
لَأَنَّكَ قَدْ بَعْتَ نَفْسَكَ لِعَمَلِ الشَّرِّ فِي عَيْنِي
الرَّبِّ. ²¹ هَتَدًا أَجْلِبُ عَلَيْكَ شَرًّا، وَأَيَّدُ سَبْلَكَ، وَأَقْطَعُ
لَأَخَابَ كُلِّ ذَكَرٍ وَمَحْجُوزٍ وَمُطْلَقٍ فِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. ²² وَأَجْعَلُ
بَيْتَكَ كَبَيْتِ بَرْعَامَ بْنِ تَبَاطَ، وَكَبَيْتِ بَعْشَا بْنِ أَجِيَا، لِأَجْلِ
الْإِعَاطَةِ الَّتِي أَعْطَيْتَنِي، وَلَجْعَلِكَ إِسْرَائِيلَ يُخْطِئُ. ²³ وَقَالَ
الرَّبُّ عَنْ إِيْرَابَلْ أَيْضًا، إِنَّ الْكِلَابَ تَأْكُلُ إِيْرَابَلْ عِنْدَ
مُتْرَسَةِ بَرْعِيلَ. ²⁴ مَنْ مَاتَ لِأَخَابَ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ تَأْكُلُهُ
الْكِلَابُ، وَمَنْ مَاتَ فِي الْحَقْلِ تَأْكُلُهُ طُيُورُ السَّمَاءِ. ²⁵ وَلَمْ
يَكُنْ كَأَخَابَ الَّذِي بَاعَ نَفْسَهُ لِعَمَلِ الشَّرِّ فِي عَيْنِي
الرَّبِّ، الَّذِي أَعْوَتْهُ إِيْرَابَلْ أَمْرًا. ²⁶ وَرَجَسَ جَدًّا يَدَاهُ
وَرَاءَ الْأَصْنَامِ حَسَبَ كُلِّ مَا فَعَلَ الْأُمُورِيُّونَ الَّذِينَ
طَرَدَهُمُ الرَّبُّ مِنْ أَمَامِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ. ²⁷ وَلَمَّا سَمِعَ أَخَابُ
هَذَا الْكَلَامَ سَقَّ ثِيَابَهُ وَجَعَلَ مِسْحًا عَلَى جَسَدِهِ وَصَامَ
وَاصْطَبَّحَ بِالْمَسْحِ وَمَشَى بِسُكُوتٍ. ²⁸ فَكَانَ كَلَامُ الرَّبِّ
إِلَى إِيْلِيَا التَّشْبِيِّ، هَلْ رَأَيْتَ كَيْفَ انْصَعَ أَخَابُ أَمَامِي.
فَمِنْ أَجْلِ أَنَّهُ قَدْ انْصَعَ أَمَامِي لَا أَجْلِبُ الشَّرَّ فِي أَيَّامِهِ،
بَلْ فِي أَيَّامِ ابْنِهِ أَجْلِبُ الشَّرَّ عَلَى بَيْتِهِ.

licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.²⁰ And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee : because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.²¹ Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,²² And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.²³ And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.²⁴ Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.²⁵ But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.²⁶ And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.²⁷ And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.²⁸ And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,²⁹ Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.