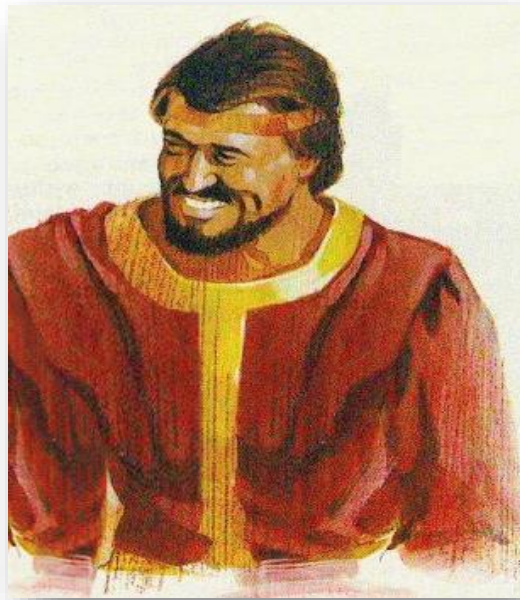


Kings of the United Kingdom

King Saul

**Had Potential,
but Jealous,
Psychotic.**



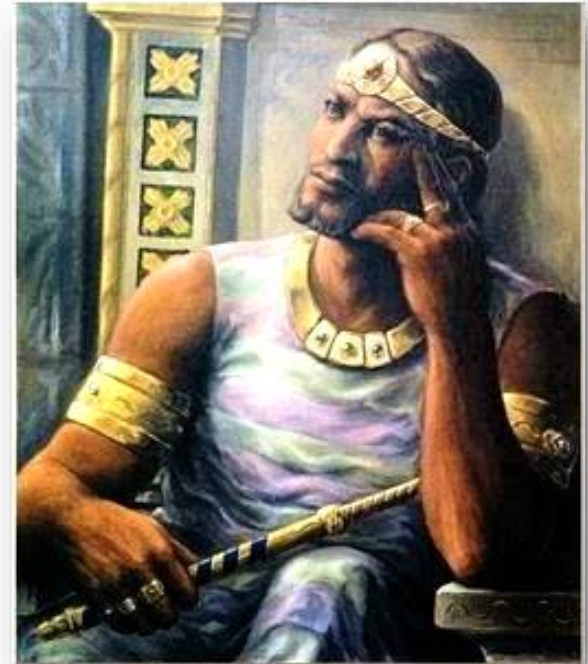
King Solomon

**Wise,
Very Rich,
Idolatrous.**



King David

**Courageous,
Handsome,
Spiritual,
Sinful.**



Good Kings & Bad Kings

As Israel got worse – Judah got better (for a while)

(Prov 14:34) Righteousness exalts a nation..

Baasha Evil, Mass murderer, More idolatry 24 y.

Nadab Bad. Mass murderer, Idolater 2 y.

Jeroboam Bad & Idolatrous ruled Israel 22 y.

Rehoboam Proud & Foolish, split the nation 17 y.

Asa Godly, zealous, religious reformer 41 y.

Jehoshaphat Godly, 25 y. instituted system of religious instruction by priests & Levites go city to city. Everything was based on the book of the Lord.

Proceed from **Bad** to Worse



2 Tim 3:3 "But evil men and imposters will proceed from bad to worse..."

Ahab **Most corrupt**. Spread Baal Worship via Jezebel.

Omri **Army commander** (1 Ki 16:16), **more wicked** of all before him. Father of Ahab. 886-875BC

Zimri **Chariot commander** (1 Ki 16:9), slays Elah 886 BC. People proclaim Omri king. Zimri Suicides by palace-fire after 7-day reign.

Elah **Assassinated** while drunk in the house of his steward. 887-886 BC. A conspiracy 1 Ki 16:9.



Elah 4th King of Israel

1 Kings 16:8 Elah the son of Baasha became **king over Israel** (& idolater v13) & reigned 2 yrs.

1 Kings 16:9 His servant Zimri, commander of half his chariots, conspired against him.


1 Kings 16:9 Elah was getting drunk..

1 Ki 16:10 Zimri went in and struck him and put him to death, [assassination] & became King in his place.


Josephus: "Zimri .. persuaded some of his horsemen to assault Elah.. and slew him when he was without armed men." Antiquities 8.12.4



Zimri 5th King of Israel

1 Ki 16:11 “[Zimri] became king, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he killed all the household of Baasha; he did not leave a single male, neither of his relatives nor of his friends.” (Purge!) 

1 Ki 16:16 “And the people heard it ...therefore all Israel made Omri, the commander of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp.” (The army was fighting Philistines 25 miles away. 1 Ki 16:15)

(1 Ki 16:17-18) Israel's army now attacks Tirzah. “When Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the citadel of the king's house & burned the Palace over him with fire, and died.” 

Omri 6th King of Israel

1 Kings 16:22 “Omri became king over Israel and reigned 12 years.”

1 Ki 16:25 And Omri **did evil** in the sight of the Lord, and **acted more wickedly** than all before him. ❤️

1 Ki 16:26 **For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam** & in his sins which **he made Israel sin**, provoking the Lord God of Israel **with their idols**.

1 Ki 16:28 Omri slept with his fathers & was buried in Samaria; & Ahab his son became king in his place.



Heart of Kings: Ahab of Israel

1 Kings 16:29 **Ahab** the son of Omri became (7th) king over Israel in the & reigned over Israel in **Samaria** 22 years.



1 Kings 16:30 And **Ahab** the son of Omri **did evil in the sight of the Lord** more than all who were before him.

1 Ki 16:31 He married **Jezebel** the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, & went to serve **Baal** & worshiped him.

Ahab 7th King of Israel

Baal: Supreme male deity of the Phoenician & Canaanite nations.



Ba'al the "god of the Sky."

God of weather, rain and storms.

Fertility god, seen with head of a bull.

Here with a sword & lightning bolt.

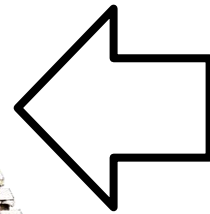
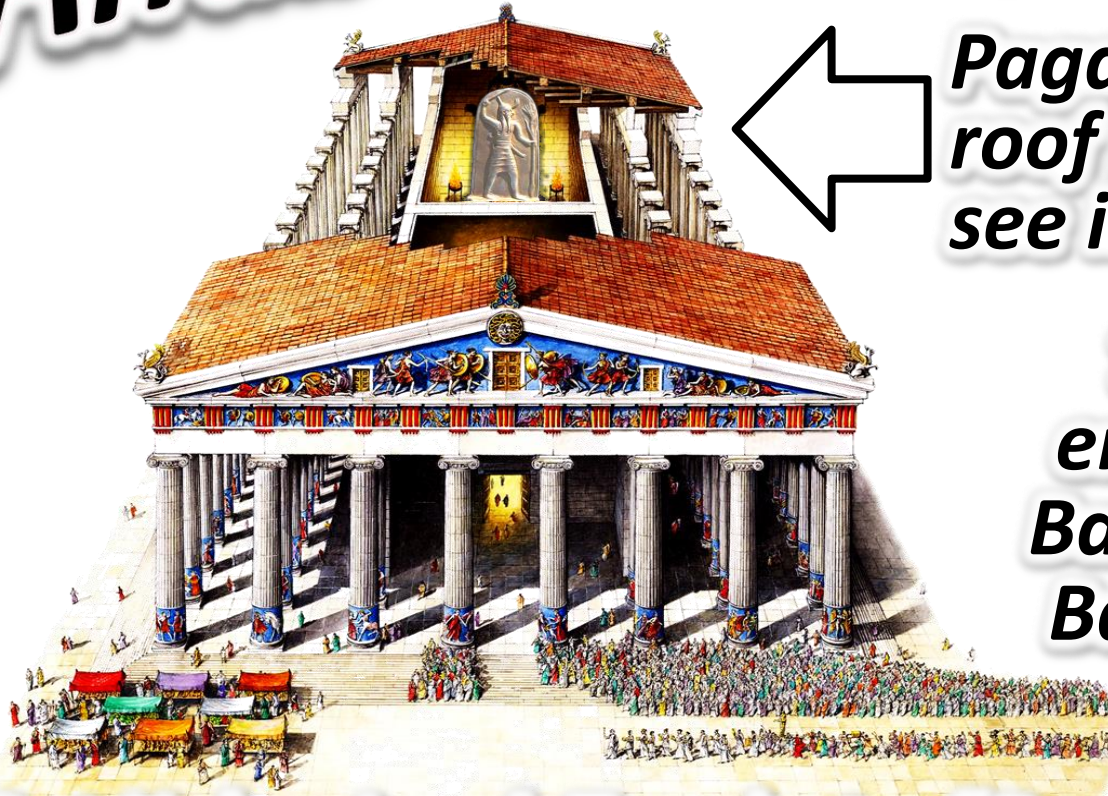
Name of any local god or gods, Baalim.

(2 Ki 10:22) The priests wore white *(JFB)*

Burned incense & did animal sacrifice.

Asherah was seen as Baal's mistress.

Ahab 7th King of Israel



*Pagan Temple
roof removed to
see inner building*

**1 Ki 16:32 Ahab
erected an altar for
Baal in the temple of
Baal, *which he built*
in Samaria. NIV**

But He's a Jew ! True but a "*Progressive*" one.

*Deut 4:2 You shall not add to the word which
I am commanding you, nor take away from it.*



Northern Israel started with *calf idolatry* 70 yrs prior.

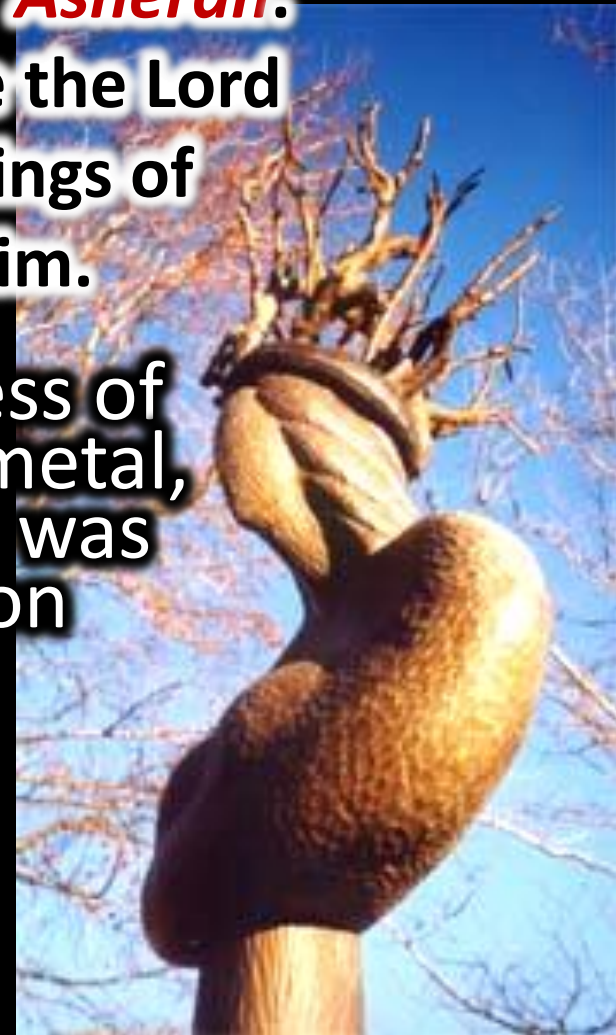
Ahab 7th King of Israel

1 Ki 16: 33 *Ahab also made the Asherah.*

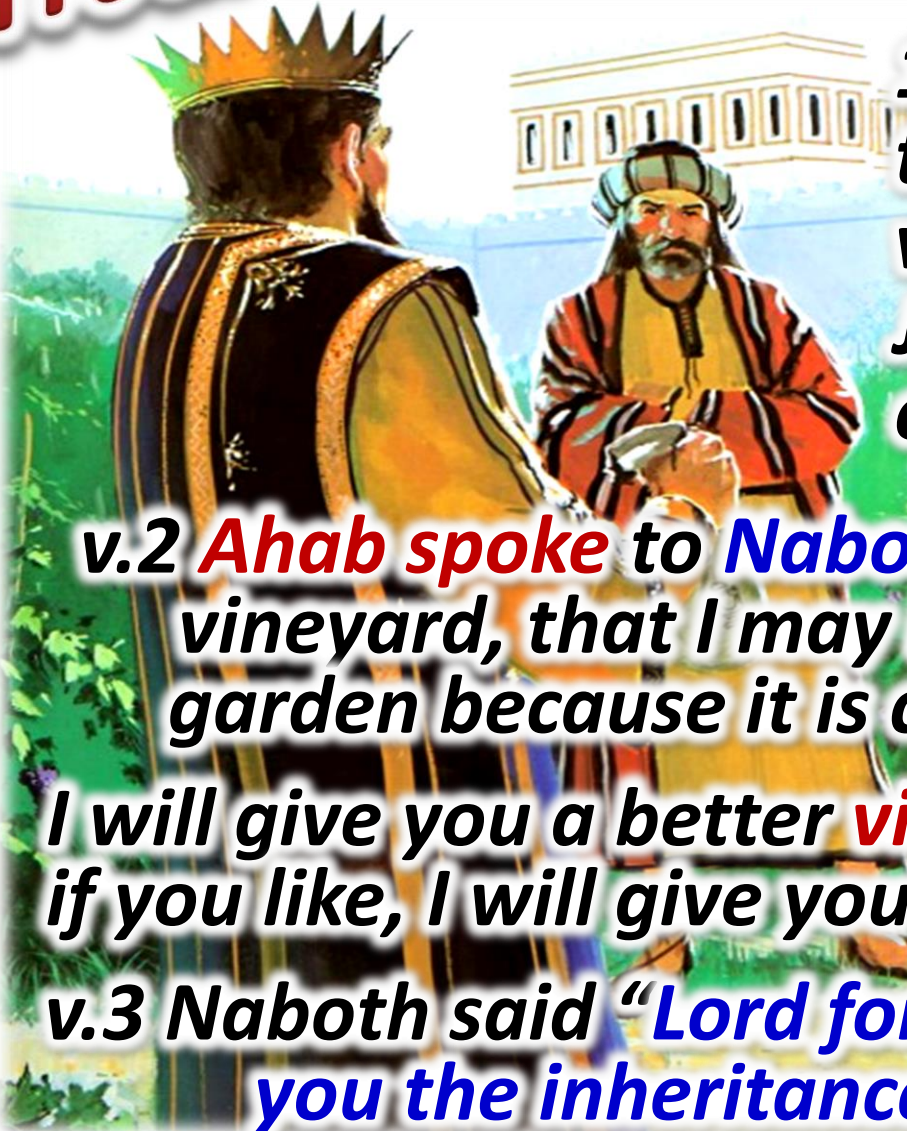
Thus Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

Asherah was exclusively the goddess of fertility. Curvaceous Idol could be metal, clay, wood, or a tree. Her worship was noted for its sensuality, divination and ritual prostitution.

Supposing ritual practice might influence the gods' actions by performing the behavior they wished the gods to demonstrate.



Heart of Kings: Ahab of Israel



1 Kings 21:1 After these things **Naboth** ... had a vineyard which was in Jezreel beside the palace of **Ahab king of Samaria**.

v.2 Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden because it is close beside my house..

I will give you a better **vineyard** than it in its place; if you like, I will give you the price of it in **money**."

v.3 Naboth said "Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers."



Ahab 7th King of Israel

1 Ki 21:4 **Ahab** came into his house sullen and vexed because of the word which **Naboth** the Jezreelite had spoken to him..



“For he said, “**I will not give you** the inheritance of my fathers.” And he lay down on his bed and **turned away his face and ate no food.**



Ahab 7th King of Israel



1 Kings 21:5
But **Jezebel** his wife came to him and said to him, "How is it that your spirit is so sullen that you are not eating food?"

1 Kings 21:7 And **Jezebel** his wife said to him, "Do you now reign over Israel? Arise, eat bread, and let your heart be joyful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

Ahab 7th King of Israel

1 Kings 21:8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with *his seal*, and sent letters to the elders and to the nobles who were living with Naboth in his city.



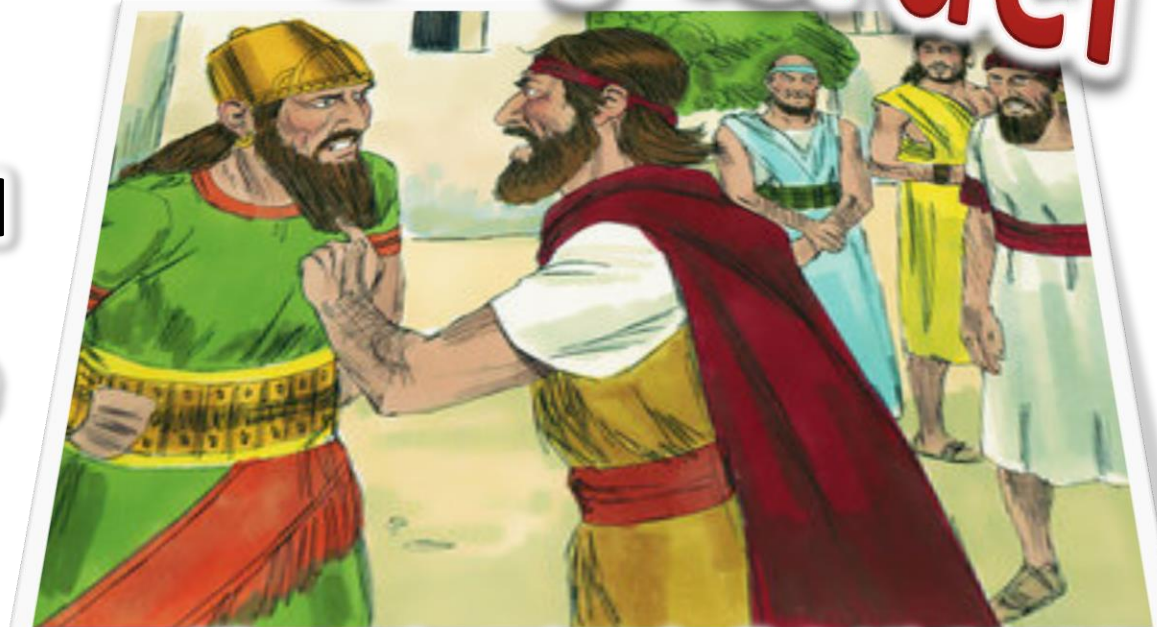
v9 Now she wrote in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a fast, and seat *Naboth at the head* of the people.

10 and seat *two worthless men* before him, and let them testify against him, saying, 'You cursed God and the king.' Then take him out & *stone him to death*." (Nobles & elders *KNEW* the lie. v11-14)



Ahab 7th King of Israel

Elijah is sent to **curse Ahab** for evil that his whole family line will be annihilated.
(1 Ki 21:17-22)



Jezebel's curse: "Dogs will eat her body." 1 Ki 21:23.

1 Ki 21:27 Ahab hears Elijah's prophecy tore his clothing, dresses in burlap, fasted & went about in deep mourning. Curse is postponed. (1 Ki 21:29)

1 Ki 22:34-38 **Ahab** dies of battle wounds with Syria, providentially, even though disguised..

Jezebel: Queen of Black Hearts

1 Ki 16:31 *Sidonian Princess*

1 Ki 18:4 *Murdered* Prophets of Lord

1 Ki 18:19 Financially *funded* the
prophets of Baal.

1 Ki 21:7-10 *Murdered* Naboth via conspiracy.

1 Ki 21:25f “*Ahab* sold himself to do evil
because Jezebel his wife incited him. ❤️



Extermination of Ahab's Dynasty



King Joram (Ahab's son 2 Ki 8:25a) heals at Jezreel.

King Ahaziah (of Judah 2 Ki 8:25b) visiting Joram.

Jehu (of Judah 2 Ki 9:1-13) Secretly anointed King.

Jehu to destroy Ahab's line for killing prophets v.7f

Jehu's Military Affiliation



1. **Son of (Northern) Jehoshphat**, who was the son of Nimshi. 2 Ki 9:2

2. **First** noted as an officer in the body-guard of Ahab. ISBE
See 2 Ki 9:25-26

3. Not to be confused with son of **(Southern) Jehoshaphat**, king of Judah, son of Asa.
(1 Ki 15:24; 1 Ki 22:41; 2 Chron 21:1-7)

He's now a captain in the **Israelite Army** 2 Ki 9:5.

Extermination of Ahab's Dynasty



Jehu & others go Jezreel to assassinate King *Joram* of Northern Israel (2 Ki 9:16, 21).

(Son of Ahab & Jezebel)

King Joram rides out & is killed by Jehu (2 Ki 9:22-24)

King Ahaziah of Judah is there & killed. (2 Ki 9:27)

(Son of Athaliah of Israel, grandson of Ahab & Jezebel)

He is being destroyed as part of Ahab's descendants.

Extermination of Ahab's Dynasty



2 Ki 9:30-35 When she heard of it..

Jezebel painted her eyes and adorned her head..

Defiant, imperious.

2 Ki 9:33a *Thrown down*

2 Ki 9:33b *Trampled her*

2 Ki 9:35-37 *Eaten* by dogs.. Skull and hands left.

2 Ki 10:10-11 All Ahab's *sons, friends & priests* killed.

AHAB'S LINE IS EXTERMINATED ACCORDING TO PROPHECY

So Ends the Most Wicked King & Queen



In Israelite History