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## STUDENT DEVOTIONAL UNIT 13

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# UNIT 13: A TROUBLED KINGDOM

## Session 1: The Kingdom Divided 1 Kings 11-12



Sunday, September 7

How many gods  
are there?

There is one true God who  
alone deserves worship.

### **Memory Verse: 1 Kings 8:60**

"May all the peoples of the earth know that the Lord is God.  
There is no other."

Monday,  
September 8

## SESSION 1



### Before you read...

- ▶ We have learned how Solomon, King David's son, was a wise king. But Solomon also sinned. Today, we will learn that He didn't obey God's commands, and his heart was turned to worship idols. Because of this, God said He would tear Solomon's kingdom away from him and give it to his servant. But God also said He would not do this while Solomon was alive.



### Read 1 Kings 11:9-13

- ▶ Why did the Lord become angry with Solomon?

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- ▶ What was the Lord's punishment for Solomon?

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- ▶ Challenge: What promise did God make David that is mentioned here in verses 12 and 13?

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### Before you read...

- ▶ We have learned how Solomon, King David's son, was a wise king. But Solomon also sinned. Yesterday, we learned that He didn't obey God's commands, and his heart was turned to worship idols.
- ▶ God told Solomon he would tear the kingdom away from him except for one tribe, for the sake of David. God had promised David that a member of his family would always be on the throne. Today, we will read about Jeroboam, a servant of Solomon.



### Read 1 Kings 11:29-33

- ▶ Who did Jeroboam meet out in the country?

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- ▶ What did this man tell Jeroboam?

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- ▶ Why was God planning to tear the kingdom away from Solomon?

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Wednesday,  
September 10

## SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God tore the kingdom away from Solomon because he and the people of Israel worshiped idols and did not walk in God's ways. Not long after this, Solomon died. His son, Rehoboam, became king.
- ▶ We also read that Jeroboam would be king over 10 tribes of Israel. Before he became king, Jeroboam went to Rehoboam and asked him to lighten the harsh labor that had been given to them.



Read 1 Kings 12:6-7

- ▶ Who did King Rehoboam ask for advice?

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- ▶ What advice did those people give King Rehoboam?

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- ▶ Do you think the king will follow their advice? Why or why not?

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## Before you read...

- Yesterday, we read that King Rehoboam asked the elders who served his father, Solomon, for advice on how to answer Jeroboam's request. Before he became king, Jeroboam went to Rehoboam and asked him to lighten the harsh labor that had been given to them.



## Read 1 Kings 12:8-11

- Did Rehoboam follow the elders' advice?

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- Who else did Rehoboam ask for advice?

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- Do you think these people gave good advice? Why or why not?

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Friday,  
September 12

## SESSION 1



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Rehoboam rejected the elders' advice and asked his friends for advice on how to answer Jeroboam's request.
- ▶ Rehoboam's friends encouraged him to be more harsh with Jeroboam and his people.



### Read 1 Kings 12:12-15, 20

- ▶ Did King Rehoboam follow the advice of the elders or the advice of his friends?

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- ▶ What happened when Jeroboam returned home after this?

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- ▶ Tell about a time when you followed some bad advice.

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# The Kingdom Divided

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| 1. The first King in Judah after the kingdom divides  | A. Solomon             |
| 2. Rehoboam was the son of  | B. Judah and Benjamin  |
| 3. The northern kingdom was called  | C. Jeroboam            |
| 4. The southern kingdom was called  | D. Abraham             |
| 5. To whom did God said, "Behold I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and give you 10 tribes."            | E. Ahijah              |
| 6. Rehoboam decided to follow the advice of his   | F. Rehoboam            |
| 7. The people made Jeroboam king over all the land except   | G. younger friends     |
| 8. The promise of a great nation, land, and through his seed all the families of the earth would be blessed was made to | H. stoned him to death |
| 9. The prophet that told Jeoboam's wife the fate of her sick child  | I. Israel              |
| 10. When Rehoboam sent Adoram to collect the taxes from the Israelites what did the people do?                          | J. Judah               |

# UNIT 13: A TROUBLED KINGDOM

## Session 2: Israel's Evil Kings 1 Kings 14-15, 2 Chronicles 13



Sunday, September 14

How many gods  
are there?

There is one true God who  
alone deserves worship.

### **Memory Verse: 1 Kings 8:60**

"May all the peoples of the earth know that the Lord is God.  
There is no other."



## Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we saw how the kingdom of God's people was divided into two parts. The Northern Kingdom was ruled by Jeroboam and called Israel. The Southern Kingdom was ruled by Rehoboam and called Judah.
- ▶ This week, we will learn more about the kings of Israel. We'll see that Israel's kings did evil in God's sight and worshiped idols. We will begin by reading what the prophet Ahijah had to say to Jeroboam.



## Read I Kings 14:7-9

- ▶ Did Jeroboam follow the ways of King David?

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- ▶ What evil things did Jeroboam do?

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- ▶ What is an idol?

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Tuesday,  
September 16

## SESSION 2



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading about the kings of Israel. We'll see that Israel's kings did evil in God's sight and worshiped idols.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jeroboam did more evil than all who lived before him by making idols of metal and worshiping other gods.



### Read 1 Kings 14:14-16

- ▶ What is going to happen to Jeroboam's family?

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- ▶ Why are they being punished?

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- ▶ Why is it important to worship only the one true God?

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### Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading about the kings of Israel. We'll see that Israel's kings did evil in God's sight and worshiped idols.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the family of Jeroboam will be cut off because of the sins Jeroboam caused the people of Israel to commit.
- ▶ Today, we are going to read from 2 Chronicles 13 to learn more about why God was so angry with Jeroboam. 2 Chronicles and 1 Kings talk about the same events of Israel's evil kings.



### Read 2 Chronicles 13:4-9

- ▶ Who did God give kingship to forever?

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- ▶ What did Jeroboam and his army bring with them to this battle?

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- ▶ Who did Jeroboam and his army drive out of the land?

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Thursday,  
September 18

## SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading about the kings of Israel. We'll see that Israel's kings did evil in God's sight and worshiped idols.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Jeroboam made golden calves to be the gods of Israel and drove out the priests of the Lord. This definitely made God angry.
- ▶ After Ahijah called out Jeroboam, there was a great battle between Israel and Judah. Israel lost and the Lord struck Jeroboam dead.



Read 1 Kings 15:25-30

- ▶ Jeroboam's son, Nadab, was the next king of Israel. Was he good or evil?

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- ▶ Who killed Nadab?

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- ▶ What happened to Jeroboam's family?

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### Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading about the kings of Israel. We'll see that Israel's kings did evil in God's sight and worshiped idols.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the next king, Nadab, was also evil. Baasha killed Nadab and all of Jeroboam's family to fulfill what the Lord said would happen to Jeroboam's family.



### Read 1 Kings 15:33-34

- ▶ Who is the next king of Israel?

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- ▶ Whose ways did this king follow?

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- ▶ In the books of 1 and 2 Kings, we learn that all of Israel's kings were wicked and turned away from the Lord. Who is the only perfect king that ever lived?

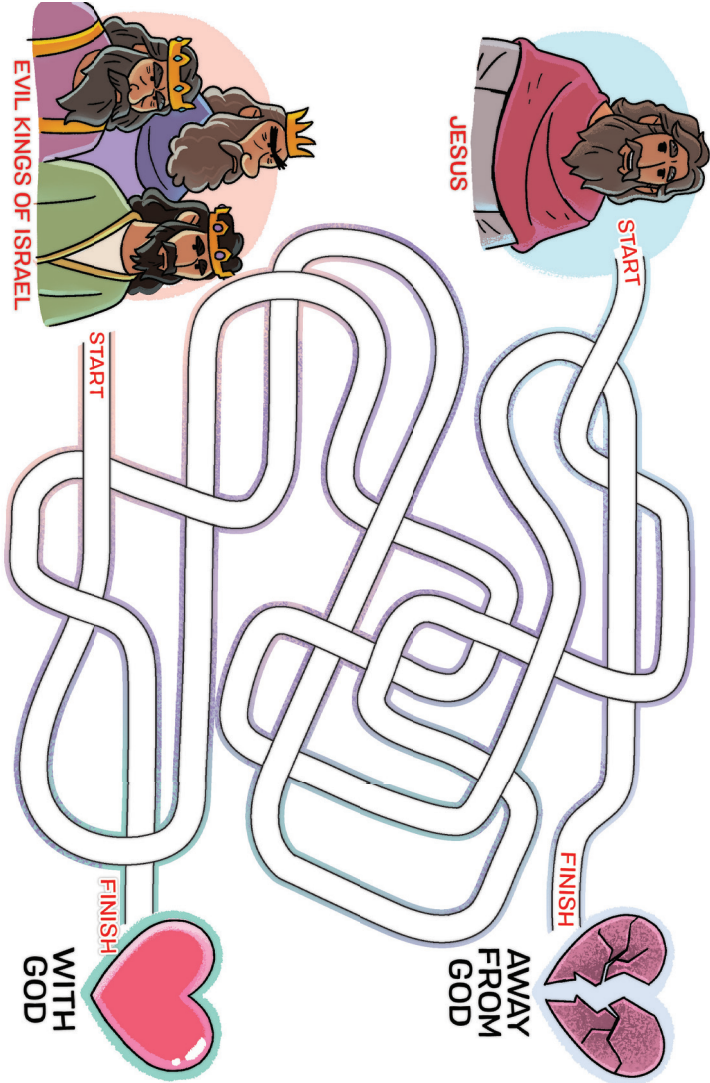
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# Where Does It Lead?

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the maze to find where each path leads.





# UNIT 13: A TROUBLED KINGDOM

## Session 3: Elijah Confronted Ahab 1 Kings 18



Sunday, September 21

How many gods  
are there?

There is one true God who  
alone deserves worship.

### **Memory Verse: 1 Kings 8:60**

"May all the peoples of the earth know that the Lord is God.  
There is no other."

Monday,  
September 22

## SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we learned that the wicked kings of Israel led the people to worship false gods. This week, we will see how another king of Israel, Ahab, also led the people to worship idols. Ahab did more evil than all of the kings before him. He did not follow any of the Lord's commands. Ahab and his followers worshiped a false god called Baal.
- ▶ God told Elijah to meet Ahab and his followers and challenge them to find out who was the true God.



Read 1 King 18:20-24

- ▶ What two opinions did Elijah say the people were wavering between?

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- ▶ Elijah suggested a little contest between himself and the prophets of Baal. What did they each have to do?

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- ▶ How many gods are there? (Hint: It's our Big Picture Question!)

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### Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we learned that the wicked kings of Israel led the people to worship false gods. This week, we will see how another king of Israel, Ahab, also led the people to worship idols.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Elijah suggested both he and the people build an altar and sacrifice a bull. Then Elijah would call out to Go and the people would call out to Baal to see who can bring fire on the altar.



### Read I Kings 25-29

- ▶ What happened when the prophets called out to Baal?

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- ▶ How long did they cry out to Baal?

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- ▶ Why did nothing happen?

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Wednesday,  
September 24

## SESSION 3



### Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we learned that the wicked kings of Israel led the people to worship false gods. This week, we will see how another king of Israel, Ahab, also led the people to worship idols.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the people shouted all day but nothing happened to their altar to Baal.



### Read 1 Kings 18:30-35

- ▶ What did Elijah repair?  
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- ▶ What did Elijah do 3 times?  
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- ▶ Why do you think Elijah did that?  
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## Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we learned that the wicked kings of Israel led the people to worship false gods. This week, we will see how another king of Israel, Ahab, also led the people to worship idols.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Elijah repaired the altar of the LORD and arranged the bull for a sacrifice. Then he dumped water on the altar 3 times. The altar was soaked with water!



## Read I Kings 18:36-39

- ▶ What did Elijah want to make known to everyone?

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- ▶ What did the fire burn up?

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- ▶ How did the people respond?

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Friday,  
September 26

## SESSION 3



### Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we learned that the wicked kings of Israel led the people to worship false gods. This week, we will see how another king of Israel, Ahab, also led the people to worship idols.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the LORD brought fire down on the altar Elijah built and it burned up everything, including the trench of water. When the people saw, they declared that the LORD is God.



### Review 1 Kings 18:20-39

- ▶ Here are some deeper thinking questions to finish the week.
- ▶ The people wavered between following a false god, Baal, and following the One True God. What are some examples of false gods people might follow today?  

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- ▶ God sent fire down from heaven to prove that He alone is God. Do you know of another time where God sent flames from heaven? What happened? (Read Acts 2:1-5)  

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## Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!" 1 Kings 18:39 (NIV)

1. At the bottom of the page is a list of words. These words are hidden in the puzzle. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you find a word, draw a circle around it.

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# UNIT 13: A TROUBLED KINGDOM

## Session 4: The Reign of Ahab 1 Kings 20-22



Sunday, September 28

How many gods  
are there?

There is one true God who  
alone deserves worship.

### **Memory Verse: 1 Kings 8:60**

"May all the peoples of the earth know that the Lord is God.  
There is no other."





### Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we saw how King Ahab led the people of Israel to worship the false god Baal. But God used the prophet Elijah to show Ahab that He is the One True God.
- ▶ This week, we'll learn how King Ahab continued to disobey God and act wickedly. Ahab was an evil king, and God eventually brought judgment on him. We will start reading when King Ahab is at war with King Ben-Hadad of Aram.



### Read 1 Kings 20:13-21

- ▶ What did the Lord say He would do for King Ahab?

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- ▶ Why did the Lord want to give Ahab victory?

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- ▶ Who won the battle?

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Tuesday,  
September 30

## SESSION 4



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading how King Ahab continued to disobey God and act wickedly. Ahab was an evil king, and God eventually brought judgment on him.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the Lord gave Ahab victory in battle because He wanted Ahab to know that the Lord is the One True God. Unfortunately, King Ahab continues to act on his own power instead of the Lord's.



### Read 1 Kings 20:26-30

- ▶ What did the man of God tell King Ahab?

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- ▶ What did the Lord want Ahab to know?

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- ▶ Who escaped in the battle?

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## Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading how King Ahab continued to disobey God and act wickedly. Ahab was an evil king, and God eventually brought judgment on him.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Ben-Hadad and the Aramaeans attacked Israel again, but the Lord delivered them again because He wanted Ahab to know that He is the One True God. Even though Israel won, Ben-Hadad, king of Aram, escaped.



## Read 1 Kings 20:31-34

- ▶ What did the officials ask King Ahab?  
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- ▶ What treaty did Ben-Hadad offer Ahab?  
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- ▶ Did Ahab accept the deal with the enemy? How do you think the Lord felt about that?  
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Thursday,  
October 2

## SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Ben-Hadad offered Ahab a deal to return some land to Ahab if Ahab let Ben-Hadad live. Because of this, the Lord sent a prophet to tell Ahab he would die. (You can read that in 1 Kings 20:35-43.)
- ▶ We are going to read about another time when King Ahab disobeyed the Lord. Ahab wanted something that didn't belong to him.



Read 1 Kings 21:1-7

- ▶ What did King Ahab want?

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- ▶ What was Naboth's reply?

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- ▶ How do you think Ahab's wife will get him the vineyard?

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### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that King Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard, but Naboth would not give it to him because the Lord told him not to. Ahab was not happy, but his wife promised to get him the vineyard.
- ▶ Ahab was a disobedient, greedy, and stubborn king who refused to lead Israel in the ways of the Lord. Today, we will see how the wicked ways of Ahab were coming to an end as God would bring judgment on him.



### Read I Kings 21:11-13, 20-21

- ▶ What happened to Naboth?  

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- ▶ What did Elijah tell Ahab would happen to him?  

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- ▶ Ahab was evil and did not follow the Lord. Who was the only perfect King to ever live?  

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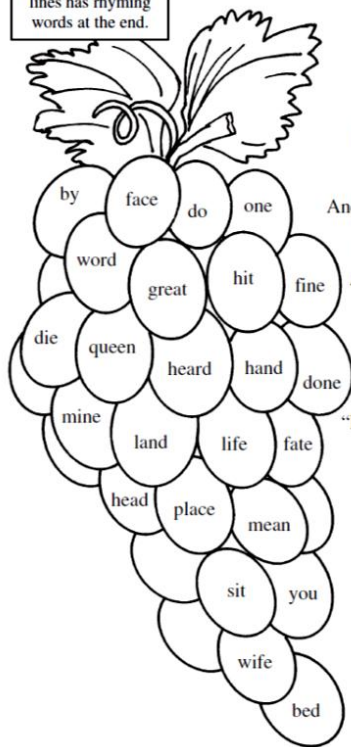
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CHILDREN'S  
**BIBLE**  
 ACTIVITY SHEETS

JEZEBEL TAKES NABOTH'S VINEYARD 1 KINGS 21:1-19

Fit the words from the grapes into the poem. Each set of 2 lines has rhyming words at the end.



Naboth owned a vineyard \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Ahab said, "I'll make it \_\_\_\_\_."  
 Naboth said, "It can't be \_\_\_\_\_."  
 The Lord had said, "Sell to no \_\_\_\_\_!"  
 So Ahab pouted in his \_\_\_\_\_;  
 He wouldn't eat and turned his \_\_\_\_\_!  
 Well, Jezebel was an evil \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And she made a plan that was very \_\_\_\_\_.  
 At an honored place Naboth did \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And then with lies, he did get \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Stoned to death was Naboth's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And Jezebel felt mighty \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Then to the king she sent the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 "It's your vineyard now – have you \_\_\_\_\_?"  
 So Ahab went to claim the \_\_\_\_\_.  
 That he'd won by an evil \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The LORD sent Elijah to that \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Where he met Ahab face to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 "Your evil deed will not pass \_\_\_\_\_;  
 You caused an innocent man to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 I bring word from God about your \_\_\_\_\_.  
 And of Jezebel, your evil \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The LORD will punish both of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 So no more deeds like this you'll \_\_\_\_\_."



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