

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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*“But God shall shoot at them with an arrow;
suddenly shall they be wounded.”
(Psa. 64:7)*

When one reads the twenty-first through the twenty-second chapters of I Kings, one sees the record of King Ahab’s coveting Naboth’s vineyard and his wicked efforts to possess the vineyard land to appease his wife, Jezebel.

Ahab conspired using false witnesses against Naboth, had him before the people, judged him guilty of blaspheming God, and stoned to death. When the wicked Jezebel heard of Naboth’s death, she summoned her husband, Ahab, “to arise and go take possession of the vineyard.”

Now, the word of the Lord came unto Elijah, the Tishbite, saying, “Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel” (Note: God commanded Elijah to meet Ahab, God never asks his messengers to consider going to and fro in the name of the Lord; the Almighty’s instructions come with divine Spirit power to accomplish that which God has predestined). So, Elijah confronted King Ahab of Naboth and Jezebel’s death, per Gods decreed will and purpose.

Now we move on to chapter twenty- two when Ahab was preparing for battle with the king of Syria. And, the king of Israel (Ahab) said, “I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself and went into battle” (I Kings 22:30).

*Now, here is where the prophesied will of the Almighty becomes quite interesting. “When it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. **And a CERTAIN man** (Note: not any warrior, but a **CERTAIN** man as God had ordained) drew a bow at a venture and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness (Note: The arrow of God penetrated the armor of the king **between the joints of the harness** in order to*

wound the king unto death). Wherefore the king said to the driver of the chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; **for I am wounded.**”
(I Kings 22:34 (and he bled to death).

This account of the history of Israel’s king Ahab (and Jezebel) is just another divine record of God’s appointed, ordained, and predestined purposes coming to pass, fulfilling ALL His divine purposes. Ahab bled to death, Jezebel was killed, and the dogs ate her; as was prophesied.

Concluding questions for those who may be struggling with the **Almighty God** represented in the Holy Writ.

- A. Was it a coincidence that the **certain warrior** drew his bow and released an arrow in the air which just happened to strike King Ahab **between the joints of his harness?**
- B. Was the king not informed that dogs would lick the blood where Naboth was killed? Which was fulfilled as they licked it from the king’s chariot.
- C. Did not the dogs eat the body of Jezebel at the wall, as prophesied?

Conclusive comments:

When God The Almighty determines **His arrows** fly through the air at their determined and ordained place, no event nor creature shall hinder the divine purpose of the God. When he determines **His arrow** wounds a mortal unto death, so shall it be; and when The Almighty desires **His arrow** to penetrate the heart of man with Spiritual conviction of sin, with the same **arrow** be dipped with repentance and faith, causing spiritual new birth, making one to behold Christ as the **ONLY** Saviour of sinners. God’s designated arrows **NEVER** miss their mark, but always are on target.

Rejoice! Heir of free and sovereign love, that The Almighty has sent His arrow of mercy and salvation into your heart and soul, bringing with it peace past understanding and joy unspeakable: Being made to believe Christ has purchased you with His pure and precious blood, paying the ultimate price for your sin by His vicarious sacrifice upon Calvary’s cross. Oh! To be pierced with the **Arrow of God** that bringeth salvation to the poor and wayward sinner, chosen to be the elect of God before the foundation of the world! This, dear beloved of God, is the **Arrow of love** dispensed from the bow of the Almighty which ruleth and reigneth among the inhabitants of the earth, and **NONE** shall stay His hand.

Respectfully submitted,
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