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...he tried to buy it and when ~~he~~ Nadab wouldn't sell it to him Ahab simply felt very disappointed, and that's what he did. He gave way to terrible disappointment, and Jezebel said that Ahab should do something about it, ~~that~~ ^{did} Jezebel go down and seize him and kill him as a Nero would have done, and take his property. Instead of that she hired ~~wit~~ witnesses to tell lies about him, so that the established courts of the land would consider Naboth to be worthy of death. And thus forfeit his property and the king could take it. In other words the Kingdom of Israel and the Kingdom of Judah were Constitutional monarchies, the king ~~does~~ does not have absolute power. He didn't even have the power to force Naboth to sell him his vineyard. He didn't have the power which our government would have had of claiming the right to compel a citizen to sell property to the government if the government wanted it. Naboth ~~said~~, this is my vineyard, I want to keep it, there is nothing Ahab could do about it. And ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ order to get it for him, Jezebel had to hire false witnesses to make the established courts think that Naboth was a wicked man who deserved death.

So you have here a very important fact about the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, they are constitutional monarchies. Now in many a constitutional monarchy the king occasionally seizes powers that don't belong to him, and causes the properties to be submitted, but it is an (2 1/4) of the law and a thing that is unusual rather than a thing that is ~~unusual~~ constant.

Take in England in the time of King James, a time when the king had very great power, yet in the time of King James in England, when Francis Bacon, the Lord Chancellor, who was the favorite of the king and had just been lavished by the king with all sorts of fine positions and splendid estates, was suspected by the people of having sold justice. The parliament took up the matter and investigated it and convicted Francis Bacon, and it ordered that his office be taken away, he have no longer to sit in Parliament, he pay a hundred thousand dollars fine to the