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What tremendous boldness he had!!! We have seen that in his facts thus far. He was not afraid of the face of man. He was ready to stand right before the king and to deliver God's message to him without fear or failure. He was ready to stand before Ahab and say you are the one that troubled Israel. He was ready to stand on mount Carmel and face the 450 prophets of Baal, and ~~he alone stands~~ he alone to stand there and declare the Word of God. And ~~this~~ we find this great boldness in him throughout the rest of his life, and we do not know how many years he lived after this, but here in chapter 21 when Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard, and poor Ahab, all he could do was to ~~lie~~ lie on the bed and ~~suffer~~ ^{sulk} suffer, because he could not get it, but Jezebel, the strong-willed character, said to Ahab, Here, give me your signet ring, and she worked out ~~a~~ ^{the} murderous plot to kill Naboth, so that he could get the vineyard. It was not an absolute monarchy by any means, in Israel. ^{The} ~~was~~ ^{was} Kings ~~were~~ bound by certain laws, by certain rules. Ahab said, there is nothing I can ~~do~~ do to get Naboth's ~~vineyard~~- vineyard, Jezebel said, I will work it out. ^{And} So, she ^{got} suborns men to tell lies and get Naboth wrongfully killed, and make it easy for him to take it. But in that ~~sit~~ situation we read that Elijah met Ahab and Elijah said to him. Hast thou killed ~~him~~, and also taken ~~the~~ possession? In the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, shall dogs lick thy blood, even ~~thine~~ thine. And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me ^{oh my} ~~my~~ old enemy? And he answered him, I have found ^{thee} ~~him~~ ^{thou}, because I hast sold thyself to ~~the~~ work of evil in the sight of the Lord. ~~The~~ boldness of this man who was not afraid to face Ahab and to tell him exactly ~~what~~ what the truth was. We find that again in ~~II~~ II Kings 1, where the son of Ahab sent ~~a~~ ^a man to get Elijah and Elijah stood before ~~him~~ ^{him}, and said, If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and destroy you.