

2 Kings 9

Jehu

- **Currently 840BC**
- Israel divided since death of Solomon/because of Solomon
- Consequences of marrying Pagan wives continues 150 years later
 1. Both Northern/Southern Kingdoms an Idolatrous mess
 2. Both will be conquered/deported by different enemies
 - **North will be exiled** to Assyria approx. **140 years**
 - **South will be exiled** to Babylon approx. **260 years**
- Ahaziah his son reigning with his mom in South...
- Joram son of Ahab reigning with mom in North

God calls Jehu to Clean House...

I. Jehu Anointed King of Israel: Just do it!

1 And **Elisha the prophet** called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, "Get yourself ready, take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth Gilead.

- **Elisha delegates:** Good leaders delegate *even the fun stuff*
- **Son of Prophet:** Great Responsibility anoint God's chosen with oil...[Jonah?]

2 Now when you arrive at that place, **look there for Jehu** the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, and go in and **make him rise up** from among his associates, and take him to an inner room. 3 Then take the flask of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, 'Thus says the Lord: "**I have anointed you king over Israel.**" ' **Then open the door and flee**, and do not delay."

- **Anoint Jehu Son of Jehoshaphat:** Not Jehoshaphat King of Judah but another
- **Focus now on Northern Kingdom**

Go find Jehu! Anoint him King of Israel

- God searches for those with zeal to do His will and empowers them to do it!

2 Chronicles 16:9 ...the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those **whose heart is loyal to Him.**

- God sets apart Jehu
 1. **Separates him Physically** Away from others that may hinder/influence
 2. **Separates him Spiritually** Anointed/Appointed by God for a purpose

Esther 4:14 "...who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such time as this?"

- **This is our time:** We've all been anointed with Spirit of God. We all have purpose
- **Jehu anointed for a specific purpose:** Only King of Northern Kingdom anointed/chosen by God. **Yet...there were NO good Kings in North?**

Jehu's Purpose: Hostile takeover of Northern Kingdom.

- **Oust Current King of North:** Joram/Jehoram; not leaking intestine King of South
- **Anoint Jehu/Tell him he is king...**

Then [v3] open door and run; **get out of his way!**

4 So the young man, the servant of [Elisha], went to Ramoth Gilead. 5 And when he arrived, there were the captains of the army sitting; and he said, "I have a message for you, **Commander.**" Jehu said, "For which one of us?" And he said, "**For you, Commander.**"

- **I have a commission for you...commander:**
- Knowing God's will for sure is Great Encouragement/Wind in sails

Joshua 1:9 [God commissioned Joshua] Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

- **Let's do this...commander!**

6 Then [young prophet] arose and went into the house. And **he poured the oil on [Jehu's] head**, and said to him, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'I have anointed you **king over the people of the Lord, over Israel.**'

- King over the **people of the Lord?** What people of the Lord?
- Years earlier just before Elijah retired, he anointed Jehu a first time...

1 Kings 19:15 [Read] Then the Lord said to [Elijah] : "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. 17 It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 18 Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

- King over the "people of the Lord": 7000 who have not bowed to false-gods

**Was there a remnant left in the Northern Kingdom?
Are there True Believers in false religious systems?**

- Catholic Church? SDA? Gods instructions to you? Come out from among her!
- **God's Instruction to Jehu...**

7 You [Jehu] shall **strike down the house of Ahab your master**

- **Ahab your master?**

1. King Ahab is dead but his house; i.e. wife and sons remain
2. Jezebel and son Jehoram now reign...**strike down the house of Ahab...**

7b...that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the Lord, at the hand of Jezebel. 8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish; and I will cut off from Ahab all the males in Israel, both bond and free. 9 So I will make the house of Ahab like the house of **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah.

- **Ahab and Jezebel Slaughtered God's Servants**

1 Kings 18:4 ... Jezebel massacred the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them

- **Judgement?** No descendants will remain...your name will be forgotten

- 1. Demise of House of Jeroboam**

1 Kings 14:10 ... I will bring disaster on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male in Israel, bond and free; I will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as one takes away refuse until it is all gone.

- 2. Demise of House of Baasha**

1 Kings 16:10 [Zimri] killed all the household of Baasha; he did not leave him one male, neither of his relatives **nor of his friends.**

So I will use you to do to the house of Ahab!

10 The dogs shall eat Jezebel on the plot of ground at Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her.' " And [the young prophet] opened the **door and fled.**

- **As commanded prophet immediately runs away...**

11 Then Jehu came out to the **servants of his master**, and one said to him, "**Is all well?** Why did this madman come to you?" And he said to them, "You know the man and his babble."

- **Jehu comes back to fellow soldiers playing peneckle ...**

1. Everything good? What did that nut want?
2. You know those religious guys...kind'a weird

Jesus family thought he was kind'a weird...a madman

Mark 3:21 [Family] ...went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, "**He is out of His mind.**"
22 [Religious Leaders "He has Beelzebub," "By the ruler of the demons He casts out demons."

Acts 26:24 [Roman Governor Festus to Paul] "...you are **beside yourself!** Much learning is **driving you mad!**" 25 [Paul] "I am not mad...but **speak the words of truth and reason.**

1 Corinthians 4:9 ...we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. 10 **We are fools for Christ's sake**

**Rather be seen as fools for Christ...and be faithful to Him
...than try to be distinguished to the world...and be unfaithful to God**

- **Jehu:** You know the way these guys are...
- **Men:** There's oil on your head!

12 And they said, "A lie! Tell us now." So he said, "Thus and thus he spoke to me, saying, 'Thus says the Lord: "**I have anointed you king over Israel.**"'

Implication: One way or another the current King of Israel is finished
Who is on the Lord's side? Every person must choose...God is God or I am god

Exodus 32:26 [Moses saw people worshiping golden calf] then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the Lord's side—come to me!" Levites killed 3000

1 Kings 18:21 [Elijah] "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." [Elijah killed 450 false-prophets]

Judgment is coming. The king of this world is going to be deposed.
Who is on the Lord's side?

13 Then each man hastened to take his garment and put it under him on the top of the steps; and they blew trumpets, saying, "**Jehu is king!**"

- Laid out the "red carpet"
- No respect for "babbling madman" but **did respect God's Word**
- Maybe best we can hope for as Pastors/Teachers!

SUMMARY Anointed King of Israel

II. Joram King of Israel Killed

14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had been defending Ramoth Gilead, he and all Israel, against Hazael king of Syria. 15 But King **Joram had returned to Jezreel** to recover from the wounds which the Syrians had inflicted on him when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.)

- **Coup begins:** Joram in Jezreel recovering from battle
- **Battling Hazael King of Syria:** Wet-rag killer. "What am I a dog. That's gross" guy

15b... And Jehu said, "If you are so minded, let no one leave or escape from the city to go and tell it in Jezreel." 16 So Jehu rode in a chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram was laid up there; and Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram.

- **Jehu excited:** Goes to Jezreel where both Kings are:
 1. **Joram:** Idolatrous King of North there wounded
 2. **Ahaziah:** Compromising King of South visiting his "friend"

Jehu: "Let me be the first to let them know there is new King in town!"

17 Now a watchman stood on the tower in Jezreel, and he saw the company of Jehu as he came, and said, "I see a company of men." And Joram said, "Get a horseman and send him to meet them, and let him say, '**Is it peace?**'"

Why does everyone ask Jehu if everything is okay? Is it well...Is it peace?
Reputation for getting things done

- Joram/Jehoram wants to know what is going on...**knows judgment is imminent**

1 Kings 21:21 I will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab every male in Israel

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| 1. Could he have repented? | Yes |
| 2. Did he have time to repent? | Yes |
| 3. Did Joram repent? | No |
| 4. "Is it peace?" | No |

18 So the horseman went to meet him, and said, "Thus says the king: '**Is it peace?**'" And Jehu said, "**What have you to do with peace?** Turn around and follow me."

- **No small talk:** Follow me or die

18b... So the watchman reported, saying, "The messenger went to them, but is not coming back." 19 Then he sent out a second horseman who came to them, and said, "Thus says the king: '**Is it peace?**'" And Jehu answered, "**What have you to do with peace?** Turn around and follow me." 20 So the watchman reported, saying, "**He went up to them and is not coming back...**"

- **Becoming a trend...**messengers now lined up behind Jehu and he's coming...

20b... and the driving is like the **driving of Jehu** the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously!"

- Jehu known for breaking speed limit for Chariots

Jehu was such an intense man that his personality could be easily seen in the way he drove a chariot. [Guzik]

**Whoever it is sure drives like Jehu!
Drives furiously...as God's judgment on evil is/will be furious**

- **Furiously:** heb. *shig·gä·yōn'* vengeance is coming **furiously**; Lit. Like a madman

This will be the tone of Judgment in Great Tribulation as God pours out his wrath
Why is the Lord driving so hard and fast? When will this end?

Revelation 16:10 ...the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. 11 They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and **did not repent of their deeds.**

God's judgment on sin is real, it is furious, and it is coming in spite of scoffing

2 Peter 3:3 ... that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

One day God will say "Enough!" and his fury will begin

- For these two godless kings their time has come...

21 Then Joram said, "**Make ready.**" And his chariot was made ready. Then Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot; and they went out to meet Jehu, and met him on the property of Naboth the Jezreelite.

- **Joram:** Wounded yet trying to hold on. No prayer. No seeking God. No repentance.
- **Ahaziah:** Wrong place/wrong time due to compromise and listening to bad advice

22 Now it happened, when **Joram saw Jehu**, that he said, "**Is it peace, Jehu?**" So he answered, "**What peace**, as long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft are so many?"

- King of Israel asks Jehu; **"Is it peace?"** Wanted peace with Jehu not with God.
- Cannot be peace between **truth/error**

2 Corinthians 6:14b... For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

- Jehu to Jehoram son of Jezebel...

There can be no peace while you and your mother continue to practice witchcraft

- **Witchcraft:** heb. *keh'shef* Lit. Sorcery from root "to whisper a spell" offering prayers of worship to pagan deity. To mutter. Praying the Rosary by def. Witchcraft
 1. Worship of anything but the living God is idolatry
 2. Behind every idol is a demon; e.g. behind Baal and Ashtaroth are demons
 3. Bowing down to an idol is bowing down to a demon. Bowing to a demon is bowing to Satan

Is it peace? What peace? You caused this war!

23 Then Joram **turned around and fled,** and said to **Ahaziah, "Treachery, Ahaziah!"**

- Mutiny/Sedition/Treason/Treachery

**Maybe...but in reality, the Judgment of the Lord
Both kings take off!**

24 Now Jehu drew his bow with full strength and shot Jehoram between his arms; and the arrow came out at his heart, and he sank down in his chariot.

- **Full strength:** Get the feeling Jehu is enjoying this

"Jehu was an excellent marksman; but it was God that guided his hand, strengthened his arm (Ezekiel 30:24), and ordered his arrow [Trapp]

25 Then Jehu said to Bidkar his captain, **"Pick him up, and throw him into the tract of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite;** for remember, when you and I were riding together behind Ahab his father, that the Lord laid this burden upon him: 26 'Surely I saw yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons,' says the Lord, 'and I will repay you in this plot,' says the Lord. Now therefore, take and throw him on the plot of ground, according to the word of the Lord."

- **Jehu heard what God told Ahab about killing Naboth...he was there!**

1 Kings 21:19 "[Ahab ...] Have you murdered and also taken possession?" ' And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the Lord: "In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours." ' "

- Kills Joram and dumps body on Naboth's land
- Ahab actually died in battle at Ramoth Gilead but washed his blood in field of Naboth?

Jehoram his son more clearly fulfils the prophesy **here** as Jehu has him thrown into the field
His father Ahab stole from Naboth who Jezebel had murdered

SUMMARY Joram King of Israel Killed

III. Ahaziah King of Judah Killed: Cleaning House

27 But when Ahaziah king of Judah saw this, he fled by the road to Beth Haggan. So Jehu pursued him, and said, "**Shoot him also in the chariot.**" And they shot him at the Ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam. Then he fled to Megiddo, and died there. 28 And his servants carried him in the chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the City of David. 29 In the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab, Ahaziah had become king over Judah.

- Chose wrong acquaintances/Refused to learn from past/pain he witnessed. Now pays

2 Chronicles 22:7 His going to Joram was God's occasion for Ahaziah's downfall

- Both Jehoram of North and Ahaziah from South had very strong-willed evil mothers
- Their influence led to their own sons' deaths...

Men need to be careful heeding the advice of unsaved mothers

- **Jehoram's** mother Jezebel in the North co-reigned with him after Ahab's death
- **Ahaziah's** mother Athaliah will reign Judah and not finish well [Ch. 11]

SUMMARY Ahaziah King of Judah Killed NOTE: Ahaziah also blood relative of Ahab. Had no chance.

IV. Jezebel's Violent Demise

30 Now when Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she put paint on her eyes and adorned her head, and looked through a window. 31 Then, as Jehu entered at the gate, she said, "**Is it peace, Zimri, murderer of your master?**"

- **Jezebel:**
 1. Paints herself up as Queen
 2. Calls Jehu Zimri who was a known rebel

3. Calls Jehu a murderer

- **Is it peace?** Sarcastic?

32 And he looked up at the window, and said, "**Who is on my side? Who?**" So two or three eunuchs looked out at him. 33 Then he said, "**Throw her down.**" So they threw her down

- If you're on my side prove it...throw her down
- Three eunuchs throw her out the window

...and some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses; and he trampled her underfoot. 34 And when he had gone in, he ate and drank. Then he said, "Go now, see to this accursed woman, and bury her, **for she was a king's daughter.**"

- **Clues as to who this guy Jehu is** [Russel Crowe]
 1. Throw her out the window
 2. Went in to eat lunch [claim territory]
 3. Calls her accursed but respectful to her office; king's daughter

35 So they went to bury her, but they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands.

"Jehoram's blood manureth that plat that was wrung from Naboth, and Jezebel shall add to this compost. Oh, garden of herbs dearly bought, royally dunged!" [Trapp]

- All of the fame, fortune, accolades from men will all fade away
- **Skull, feet, palms of hands:** God-given body used for evil; e.g. bombers

Our bodies are to be used to glorify our Creator...

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that **you present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- God dwell inside believers today. He goes where we go.

1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God **in your body** and in your spirit, which are God's.

36 Therefore they came back and told him. And he said, "This is the word of the Lord, which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'On the plot of ground at Jezreel dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel; 37 and the corpse of Jezebel shall be as refuse on the surface of the field, in the plot at Jezreel, so that they shall not say, "**Here lies Jezebel.**" ' " [c.f. 1 Kings 21:23-

Jezebel Spirit Continue into Great Tribulation and see her Final Violent Demise

1. Uses Sexuality to bring men of God down: Busting churches/Families
2. She will attack the **Authority Structure of God**

Revelation 2:20 [Read] [Thyatira] ...I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman **Jezebel**, who **calls herself a prophetess**,

- **Self-Importance:** Gives herself a title. Calls herself a prophetess. God does not.

20b... to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

- **Self-Promotion:** Teaches without authority [women "pastors"]
 1. **Teaches/Consents:** Sexual immortality [lesbian "pastors"]
 2. **Compromises with/Condone:** Idolatry [worship creation instead Creator]
 3. **Beyond the Word:** Teaches "deep things Satan" Extra-biblical mumbo jumbo

2 Corinthians 11:2 ... I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

...[Cont.] **21** And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. **22** Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, **and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation**, unless they repent of their deeds. **23** I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works. **24** "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who **have not known the depths of Satan**, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

This false church led by the Spirit of Jezebel will be the "Woman who Rides the Beast"
The Beast [AC] will use her...**then exnihilate her.**

Revelation 17:16 And the ten horns [AC Kings] which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

SUMMARY Jezebel's Violent Death

- **Next time:** God Continues to Clean House
 1. 70 Sons of Ahab Killed
 2. 42 Brothers of Ahaziah Killed
 3. Rest of Ahab's Family Killed
 4. Worshippers of Baal Killed