

# THE RISE OF JEHU AND FALL OF JEZEBEL

## 2 Kings 9:1-37

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In 1 Kings 21:17-24, God prophesied through Elijah that judgement would come to Ahab, his wife Jezebel, and his descendants. Yet, twelve years later, Jezebel and Ahab's descendants are still alive and ruling Israel and Judah. In 2 Kings 9, God anoints Jehu, a commander in Israel's army, to be king and to be an instrument of His judgement. In this passage we see that God raises and removes kings in His time and in His way.

### Who's Who?

- **Ahab:** Evil 7<sup>th</sup> King of Israel (North)
- **Jezebel:** Evil wife of Ahab
- **Joram:** Evil son of Ahab, and 9<sup>th</sup> King of Israel (North)
- **Ahaziah:** Evil Great-Nephew of Ahab, and 6<sup>th</sup> King of Judah (South)
- **Jehu:** 10<sup>th</sup> King of Israel (North)

### Scene 1: Jehu Anointed King (vv. 1-13)

- A. God anoints Jehu (vv.1-6)
- B. God commissions Jehu (vv.7-13)

### Scene 2: Jehu Kills Joram & Ahaziah (vv.14-29)

- A. God orchestrates events (vv.14-21)
- B. God fulfills His Word (vv.22-29)

### Scene 3: Jehu Kills Jezebel (vv.30-37)

- A. God judges fairly (vv.30-37)

### Application:

- Trust that God raises and removes all human leaders in his time and way.
- Trust that God judges sin in his time and way.
- Trust that God fulfills his Word in his time and way.
- Trust that God provides a better King.

### TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

1. How should the truth that "God raises and removes kings in his time and in his way" (Daniel 2:21) affect our outlook today? Do you think most Christians today believe this?
2. What can God's judgement of Jezebel and Ahab's descendants teach us about His character?
3. God severely judged Ahab's family due to their promotion of idolatry, sexual immorality, violence, etc. How should believers today respond to similar acts of evil in our world, while obeying passages like Romans 12:17-21?
4. Second Kings 9:22 indicates that peace cannot exist alongside sin. Can we expect to experience peace in any sense in this world? How can we share with others how to find and experience peace?
5. How does 2 Kings 9 convict you? How does this passage encourage you?
6. How does 2 Kings 9 relate to Jesus Christ and the gospel?

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