

## II Kings 9-10 – 6 October 2022

### “Warring For Good, Not Just Against Evil”

#### Introduction

\*These books demonstrate that a king’s allegiance to God’s Law was the key to success & protection

\*We’re in the worst period of Israel’s history w/ Ahab & Jezebel’s family corrupting not just Israel, but also Judah in the south

\*Before God had Elijah the prophet be raptured to heaven, he prophesied of 3 people that would be used to judge Ahab’s family

\*Hazael – rules over Syria and vexes Israel

\*Elisha – takes Elijah’s place to speak for God

\*Jehu – would rise up from within to judge Ahab

\*Today we look at *Jehu, warrior against evil*

**\*So, here’s 3 steps in the rise & judgement of Jehu**

\*After we examine Jehu, we’ll need to go a little further in conclusion of the matter – stay tuned

## **1<sup>st</sup> step in rise & judgement of Jehu is his unknown anointing by Elisha (Chap 9:1-13)**

Read Chap 9:1-3

1. So it's time for God's plan to begin but not to be fulfilled yet – God takes steps

Read Vs 4-10

1. God will use an imperfect man to execute His justice upon Ahab
2. Take them all out b/c the sin they would do, is even worse than just ending them now

Read Vs 11-13

1. Jehu reluctantly tells his buddies who enthrone him as king on a makeshift throne

## **2<sup>nd</sup> step in rise & judgement of Jehu is his unanimous defeat of Ahab's House in Israel (Chap 9:14-10:17)**

Read Chap 9:14-18

1. At this point Joram, King of Israel is getting nervous that Jehu is coming to box them in at Jezreel

Read Vs 19-20

1. My kids want to get me a license plate that says "Jehu" – I don't think that's very loving – ha!

Read Vs 21-24

1. Jehu commits here to ending worship of false gods and having it taught

Read Vs 25-26

1. Jehu not only had the anointing of God from Elisha, *but also* the promise of God given thru Elijah in (Read) I Kings 21:28-29 that it would happen now

## Read Vs 27-29

1. Ahaziah, King of Judah was the nephew of Joram, King of Israel
2. Remember b/c of the intermarriage of Ahaziah's father w/ Ahab's family this Ahaziah, King of Judah was wicked

## Read Vs 30-34

1. Jezebel thought she had a good life, but was self-deceived – idolatry becomes self-deception
2. She wanted to die all pretty like a Phoenician princess (Read Rev 2:20b-21)
3. Peace doesn't come by keeping or by overthrowing a govt
  - a. Comes by being on God's side (Joshua)

## Read Vs 35-37

1. Jehu believed the Word of the Lord spoken by Elijah in (Read) I Kings 21:23

Read Vs 1-5

1. The *challenge* to the servants of Joram

Read Vs 6-7

1. The *test* of the servants of Joram

Read Vs 8-11

1. Assurance that this judgement was all to fulfill the prophecy of (Read) I Kings 19:17 as given by Elijah

Read Vs 12-14

1. Jehu slays 42 men of Judah that were loyal to Ahab's wicked house

Read Vs 15-17

1. Rechabites were nomadic, simple holy men
2. We'll read of them one more time in the Book of Jeremiah

## **3<sup>rd</sup> step in rise & judgement of Jehu is his ultimate destruction of Baal worshippers (Chap 10:18-36**

Read Chap 10:18-21

1. Jehu tricked the Baal worshippers into coming together into one place

Read Vs 22-25

1. Slaughter of the Baal worshippers
2. Story of soldiers bursting into church, telling non-Christians to leave, then laying down their guns

Read Vs 26-28

1. Deal with the people's sin AND the stuff

Read Vs 29-31

1. He got rid of false gods but still worshipped the true God in false ways – this isn't good enough

Read Vs 32-36

1. Israel will now be continually pressed from other nations until captivity
2. Not serving God in spirit & truth still has results
3. Vs 33- Not entering the full Promised Land will make you an easy target to be the first to fall

## Conclusion

So, warring against evil, we see this in Jehu

1. **Unknowingly thrust into great opportunities to serve God**
  - a. We often get unexpected chances to shine
2. **Unanimously defeating sin wherever it's found**
  - a. A little leaven will leaven the whole lump
3. **Ultimately destroying those that are wholly given over to idolatry**
  - a. Don't destroy sinners, just the sin

We need this *Warrior Mindset* to be submitted to the plan of God

1. Some never submit
  - a. David's General Joab
2. We limit our fruitfulness by being warriors against evil but not for God's good plan
  - a. Like Samson

Finally, here's 3 takeaways

1. Be like Jeremiah – Jer 1:10 – “I have set thee this day over the nations & over the kingdoms, to root out & to pull down & to destroy & to throw down & to build & to plant”
2. Be like Peter – Cut off guard ear, but humbled into directing his energy at feeding God's sheep
  - a. Learned it from Jesus (John 21:15-17)
  - b. Then taught it to others (I Peter 5:2)
3. Be like Moses – Killed Egyptian, then humbled & learned to let the Lord have His perfect work
  - a. Moses understood that rid evil is basis, but cultivating Godly fruit is a work of the Lord
  - b. He finally could look at the people and say (Exo 14:13) “stand still & see the salvation of the Lord”

Greatest warrior of all time, Joshua, was trained under Moses' righteous hand –

All b/c Moses learned to mix submission to God's good plan with his desire to eradicate evil