"Wisdom To Write The Next Chapter"

I. Elisha Made Preparation For The Next Generation (1-3)

A. Release the next generation of servants (1-2) - "Then <u>Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets</u> and said to him, "Tie up your garments, and take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead. 2 And when you arrive, look there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, son of Nimshi. And go in and have him rise from among his fellows, and lead him to an inner chamber."

B. Recognize the next generation of leaders (3) - "Then take the flask of oil and pour it on his head and say, <u>Thus says the Lord, I</u> anoint you king over Israel. Then open the door and flee; do not linger."

II. The People Embraced The Next Move of God (4-13)

A. The anointing comes (4-6) - "So the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead. 5 And when he came, behold, the commanders of the army were in council. And he said, "I have a word for you, O commander." And Jehu said, "To which of us all?" And he said, "To you, O commander." 6 So he arose and went into the house. And the young man poured the oil on his head, saying to him, "Thus says the Lord the God of Israel, I anoint you king over the people of the Lord, over Israel."

B. The assignment comes (7-10) - "And you shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, so that I may avenge on Jezebel the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the Lord. 8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish, and I will cut off from Ahab every male, bond or free, in Israel. 9 And 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. 10 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the territory of Jezreel, and none shall bury her." Then he opened the door and fled." The younger prophet dropped a word of knowledge and then fled

C. The affirmation comes (11-13) - "When Jehu came out to the servants of his master, they said to him, "Is all well? Why did this mad fellow come to you?" And he said to them, "You know the fellow and his talk." 12 And they said, "That is not true; tell us now." And he said, "Thus and so he spoke to me, saying, 'Thus says the Lord, I anoint you king over Israel." 13 <u>Then in haste every man of them took his garment and put it under him on the bare steps, and they blew the trumpet and proclaimed, "Jehu is king."</u>

We can have the right leaders, the right opportunity from God and the right season...but the people must fully embrace the moment in faith for it to succeed.

III. Jehu Facilitated The Next Chapter For Israel (2 Kings 9-10)

What did Jehu do in Israel?

- A. Jehu executed Jezebel (2 Kings 9:30-37)
- B. Jehu eradicated the household of Ahab (2 Kings 10:1-17)
- C. Jehu executed the prophets & worshipers of Baal (2 Kings 10:18-26)
- D. Jehu turned the temple of Baal into a public toilet (2 Kings 10:27)

<u>2 Timothy 2:2</u> - "What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to the faithful, who will be able to teach others also."

<u>Habakkuk 2:2-3</u> - "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end - it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay."

VISION: Write it, make it clear, recognize the appointed time...then run with it!