

## FINAL STUDY NOTES – 2 Kings Chapters 8-9!

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### OPENING PRAYER

**Review: 2 KINGS – Chapter 6 – The Floating Ax Head; The Blinded Syrians Captured; Syria Besieges Samaria in Famine; Chapter 7 - The Syrians Flee Supernaturally.**

**THIS WEEK: 2 KINGS – Chapter 8 – The King Restores the Shunammite’s Land – (vs. 1-6); Death of Ben-Hadad – (vs. 7-15); Jehoram Reigns in Judah – (vs. 16-24); Ahaziah Reigns in Judah – (vs. 25-29); Chapter 9 – Jehu Anointed King of Israel – (vs. 1-13); Joram of Israel Killed – (vs. 14-26). Ahaziah of Judah Killed - (vs. 27-29); Jezebel’s Violent Death – (vs. 30-37).**

#### The Shunammite's Land Restored -

***2Ki 8:1-2 Then Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to life (2 Kings chapter four), saying, "Arise and go, you and your household, and stay wherever you can; for the LORD has called for a famine, and furthermore, it will come upon the land for seven years." [2] So the woman arose and did according to the saying of the man of God, and she went with her household and dwelt in the land of the Philistines seven years.***

- **Do not stay in the land of Israel. God is going to bring judgement** by reason, or by way of a famine that is going to last for seven years; a very focused famine. The Philistine country is only 60 miles from Shunem. This reminds us of the famine in the Book of Ruth. The distance from Bethlehem to Moab is similar.

***2Ki 8:3 It came to pass, at the end of seven years, that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines; and she went to make an appeal to the king (Joram) for her house and for her land.***

- **Someone had taken over her house and her property.** She came to the king for the restoration of her house and her land.

**2Ki 8:4 Then the king talked with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God (Elisha), saying, "Tell me, please, all the great things Elisha has done."**

- We are not sure chronologically of the timing of this because Gehazi is in the court of the king. Is he a leper at this point in time? Would Joram, the king of Israel have a leper in the court? Or is this something that happened before Naaman the Syrian came to be healed? Possibly because of Gehazi's involvement with Elisha, the king has allowed him some place in his court. So, he is saying to Gehazi to tell him some good Elisha stories of what Elisha has done in the past.
- **Gehazi a servant of Elisha, is now entertaining the king. He is** no longer able to actually participate in the work of God, but now he is rehearsing what God did. It is always a sad state of spiritual affairs, when you have to talk about the work of God, in the past tense, when there is not that present work of God, about which you are excited. When you have to say, "Well I can remember, back in the days of **the tent**. Oh, those were exciting days!" It should be something that is fresh day by day, the discovery of God's grace unto us!
- **How fresh is the work of the Spirit in my life? In my thinking of exciting days with my Lord, how current are those times? Do I have to go back to remember any? How much freshness of work of the Spirit in my life is happening now?**

**2Ki 8:5 Now it happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored the dead to life, that there was the woman whose son he had restored to life, appealing to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son whom Elisha restored to life."**

- Just as he was telling the story, here came in the woman with her son. She is wanting to get a judgement from the king that will cause the people who taken her property to give it back. She came in at that very moment he is telling the story. This marvelous story of the raising of the son, of how God had brought her son back to life.

**2Ki 8:6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed a certain officer for her, saying, "Restore all that was hers, and all the proceeds of the field from the day that she left the land until now."**

- We can see the picture of Old Testament typology here pointing to the future of Jesus' fulfillment. This woman becomes the type of the nation of Israel, that will be restored by God. When restored, Israel will receive all of the fruit that it was deprived of, during the years that others had appropriated her property. But Israel, even as the woman, will receive this grace and benefit, because of the resurrection of the dead son. So, the son, being raised from the dead, becomes a type of Jesus Christ, and Israel's blessings that will come to her, as a result of His resurrection.

### **Hazael Murders Ben-Hadad**

**2Ki 8:7 Then Elisha went to Damascus, and Ben-Hadad king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, "The man of God has come here."**

- **Ben-Hadad was very familiar with Elisha**, having sent his captain Naaman down to cure his leprosy. Elisha had been revealing all of his plans of attack against Samaria, to the king of Samaria. He thought that one of his generals was a spy, but he found out that there was a man of God in Israel, who knew everything he said. Ben-Hadad sent his army to capture Elisha. But, instead Elisha captured his army, delivering it to Samaria.

**2Ki 8:8 And the king said to Hazael, "Take a present in your hand, and go to meet the man of God, and inquire of the LORD by him, saying, 'Shall I recover from this disease?'"**

- "Shall I recover?'" Whenever we have been sick for a while, we somehow think that this is it! You know, "The rest of my life I'm going to be sick like this I'm going to have this particular pain or something you know, from now on." It is amazing the way our minds work, a week of sickness, and we think we are dead.

**2Ki 8:9 So Hazael went to meet him and took a present with him, of every good thing of Damascus, forty camel-loads; and he came and stood before him, and said, "Your son Ben-Hadad king of Syria has sent me to you, saying, 'Shall I recover from this disease?'"**

- **Forty camel loads**. Now if you are going to get a present, here is a good present. He brought to him every good thing of Damascus, one of the great cities and trading centers of the whole world, forty camel loads. In the ancient world they would put one great gift on each camel, making a big presentation!

**2Ki 8:10 And Elisha said to him, "Go, say to him, 'You shall certainly recover.' However the LORD has shown me that he will really die."**

- **Elisha is not lying here. He is saying to Hazael that Ben-Hadad is going to recover of the present disease that he has, but God is showing that he is going to die from a different cause.**

**2Ki 8:11 Then he set his countenance in a stare until he was ashamed; and the man of God wept.**

- **Elisha begins to weep as he is standing there and he understands.** He sees that God is raising up this man to be used as a rod of chastisement against Israel for their idolatry. Hazael is not going to be the servant of the LORD, but *he is going to be the instrument to bring judgment.* Hazael is going to be king over Israel.

**2Ki 8:12** *And Hazael said, "Why is my lord weeping?" He answered, "Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel: Their strongholds you will set on fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword; and you will dash their children, and rip open their women with child."*

- **Elisha becomes a type of Jesus, who weeps over Jerusalem,** because He can see the devastation that is going to come. He saw the children being dashed in the streets. He saw the temple on fire. He could hear the screams of the people being cremated within it, and as He looked at Jerusalem, He wept. **(Luk 13:34)** *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!"*

**2Ki 8:13** *So Hazael said, "But what is your servant—a dog, that he should do this gross thing?" And Elisha answered, "The LORD has shown me that you will become king over Syria."*

- **When Elijah was hiding in a cave at Mount Horeb,** God commissioned him to perform three tasks. One was to go up to Syria and anoint Hazael to be the king over Syria. **(1Ki 19:15-17)** *Then the LORD said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. This is the same Hazael.*
- **Here Elisha says, The Lord has shown me that you are going to be the king over Syria,** and you will do extremely evil things! Hazael reacts with astonishment. He says are you accusing me of being just like a savage dog? Hazael did not know the evil that was in his own heart. It is difficult for us to know the evil in our own hearts. Given the right circumstances, the evil things that we are capable of doing.
- **Do I have any concept of the evil capacity of my own heart? Jeremiah said, (Jer 17:9) "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? The scripture is true, and the heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. The only hope I have is the surrendering of my heart, and life to be controlled by the Holy Spirit.**

**2Ki 8:14-15** *Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" And he answered, "He told me you would surely recover." [15] But it happened on the next day that he took a thick cloth and dipped it in water, and spread it over his face so that he died; and Hazael reigned in his place.*

- **Wow, already the man who was shocked the day before,** when the prophet suggested that he was capable of doing evil things. "Am I a dog?" The very next day Hazael is guilty of murder, killing King Ben-Hadad!

### Jehoram Reigns in Judah

*Judah Kings - "Joram, also spelled Jehoram" Israel Kings – All Bad*

<b>Jehoshaphat</b> - son of Asa	870-848	Good	25yr	<b>Omri</b> – father of Ahab	885-874	12yr
<b>Jehoram</b> (Joram) – son of Jehoshaphat, married to Athaliah, daughter of Ahab and Jezebel	848-841	Bad	8	<b>Ahab</b> – wife-Jezebel, Athaliah's mother	874-853	22
<b>Ahaziah</b> – son of Joram of Judah, and Athaliah	841 (22 yrs. old)	Bad	1	<b>Ahaziah</b> – son of Ahab, asked Baal-Zebub for recovery? LORD – "he will die"	853-852	2
<b>Athaliah</b> – Ahab's daughter in law, was Joram (of Israel)'s brother	841-835	Bad	6	<b>Joram</b> –(Jehoram) also Ahab's son, Athaliah was this Joram's brother	852-841	12
<b>Joash</b> – son of Ahaziah (Judah), escaped murder by Athaliah chap. 11	835-796	Good	40	<b>Jehu</b> - murders Ahaziah of Judah & Joram of Israel	841-814	28

**2Ki 8:16-18** *Now in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab, king of Israel, Jehoshaphat having been king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat began to reign (co-regent with his father for four years) as king of Judah. [17] He was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. [18] And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter (Athaliah) of Ahab was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.*

- **This Jehoram (Joram) is the son of one of the great kings, Jehoshaphat; and the grandson of Asa, one of the greatest kings of Judah.** The evil influence of a wife undoes all of the godly influence of the father and of the grandfather. It is so important whom one chooses to marry, not just someone who knows the Lord, but who loves the Lord and will be an influence of godliness in their lives.
- **This is what he had gotten himself into. But even if we find ourselves in this position** we do not have to follow a wicked or an ungodly spouse in their wicked activities. We can choose and determine not to be a part of their sin or to be influenced by their sin, but to trust God to make us an influence in that marriage for godliness. Joram was a weak man and weak king, yielding on all of those fronts.
- **Pray for Godly marriages, against influences of sin! Notice how Joram, the son and grandson of two great kings in Judah, became an evil king, “for Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.” How we need to pray for Godly marriages, for husbands to be a strong influence for godliness, resisting any influences of sin!**

*2Ki 8:19 Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah, for the sake of his servant David, as He promised him to give a lamp to him and his sons forever.*

- Judah was not judged as early as Israel was because they had several good kings, whereas the northern kingdom of Israel never had a single good king.
- **The other reason is God's great love for David.** Even in our country, sometimes one generation can look and realize we are reaping the benefits of the righteousness and the godliness of previous generations. We are not to take that for granted. God was being gracious to them because of His promises to David

*2Ki 8:20-24 In his days Edom revolted against Judah's authority, and made a king over themselves. [21] So Joram went to Zair, and all his chariots with him. Then he rose by night and attacked the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots; and the troops (Edomites) fled to their tents. [22] Thus Edom has been in revolt against Judah's authority to this day. And Libnah revolted at that time. [23] Now the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [24] So Joram rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of David. Then Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.*

- **The conclusion of Joram's irreverent and inglorious reign.** Nothing unusual is here said of him; but we are told in (2Ch 21:19,20) that he died in severe pain and to no one's sorrow.

### Ahaziah Reigns in Judah

*2Ki 8:25 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab, king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, began to reign.*

- It is a historical book, but these events happened in history. God is introducing Himself into human history, in these miracles, and overseeing the nation of Israel, and all these things that march us right into our days.

*2Ki 8:26 Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri, king of Israel.*

- Omri, the grandfather, was the founder of the dynasty which brought so much trouble upon Israel and Judah through its idolatry.

*2Ki 8:27 And he (Ahaziah) walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the house of Ahab, for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab.*

- Ahaziah, like his father, reigned in the spirit of Ahab, because he allowed his mother (Athaliah) to act as his adviser.

*2Ki 8:28 Now he (Ahaziah, son of Joram king of Judah) went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram.*

- Now we have Ahaziah, and in the north, and Joram in the south, both having a common enemy in Hazael, the king of Syria at that time. So, they united together to go to war against Hazael.

*2Ki 8:29 Then King Joram (son of Ahab) went back to Jezreel to recover from the wounds which the Syrians had inflicted on him at Ramah (Ramoth Gilead), when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.*

- Ahaziah, who was a nephew of Joram, king of Israel (His mother, Athaliah, was the daughter of Ahab and the sister of Israel's king Joram), visited Joram and there he met with his death at the same time at the hand of Jehu, who had conspired against Joram, as we will see. (2Ki 9:14; 2Ch 22:7-9).

## Jehu Anointed King of Israel

*2Ki 9:1-3 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. [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."*

- Why did Elisha send one of the prophets instead of going himself? One of the reasons is that he would have been immediately recognized, drawing much attention to Jehu as a result of it. Jehu, in being anointed as the king, is going to depend on secrecy in order to accomplish what God is calling him to do.
- The prophet was to go and pour oil on the head of Jehu, indicating that God was going to empower Jehu with the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfill what God was calling him to do as the king. (1Ki 19:16) Also you (Elijah) 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.
- Open the door and flee! The probable object of these instructions was to prevent questioning, and to render the whole thing more striking, to have more of an impact!

*2Ki 9:4-6 So the young man, the servant of the prophet, 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." [6] Then he arose and went into the house. And he poured the oil on his 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.'*

- The young servant of the prophet is speaking in the name of the LORD as he anoints Jehu to be the king over Israel. Israel had long ago forsaken the LORD under the influence of Ahab, and all, they were worshiping Baal. The LORD did say to Elijah that there were seven thousand that I have reserved, but for the most part, the nation had forsaken God.
- But notice that God had not yet forsaken the nation, which speaks volumes; the faithfulness of God to His people! There are those that may have forsaken the Lord sometime back, but the Lord has not yet forsaken them. God hangs on. The Spirit of God continues to call back into fellowship, to call to repentance, God does not let go easily. The Lord hangs on, even long after we have been guilty of forsaking Him, the Lord does not forsake His people. What a beautiful thing it is to me, that God still said, "They are My people. They are the people of the LORD." Though they had forsaken Him, God still acknowledged them as His people. **How thankful am I for His faithfulness?**

*2Ki 9:7-8 You shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, 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.*

- Jehu, you are to go and wipe out this house of Ahab, the descendants, all of them! You will be My instrument of judgement. Now God had pronounced judgement through Elijah that was going to come upon the house of Ahab, after Ahab had murdered and taken Naboth's vineyard. (1Ki 21:21) 'Behold, I will bring calamity on you. I will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab every male in Israel, both bond and free. This prophecy of God against Ahab was known by the people, as this young prophet quotes it to Jehu.

*2Ki 9:9 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.*

- Those were the two dynasties that preceded the Omri dynasty, that were totally wiped out. Now God is going to bring the end of this dynasty. Jehu will begin a new dynasty that will go on for four generations.

*2Ki 9:10 The dogs shall eat Jezebel on the plot of ground (Naboth's vineyard - 7X - vs. (chap 9:10,21,25,26, 36,37) at Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her.' " And he opened the door and fled.*

- Now this is the prophecy of Elijah. (1Ki 21:23-24) And concerning Jezebel the LORD also spoke, saying, 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. [24] The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Ahab and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field.' This young servant of the prophet gave him the prophecy. Then he opened the door and ran.
- The young servant was probably not running for safety, but for impact on the life of Jehu. He comes in out of nowhere. He stands in front of him and anoints Jehu with oil. It is running all over, and then he gives him his commission from the LORD. You are going to be king over My people! This is your commission. This is what you are going to accomplish. When he is done, he turns and runs, giving impact to the message.

**2Ki 9:11-13** 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." [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."' [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!"

- **Jehu was coronated there by the men, on the spot.** They hastened to take their garments and threw them down under his feet, indicating their submission to him now as the king. Then he went to the top of the steps in the building they were in, the highest ground, and they blew the trumpets, pronouncing that Jehu is king! They are all for him becoming the next king of Israel, and he has their support.

### **Jehu Assassinate Joram and Ahaziah**

**2Ki 9:14** 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.

- **Jehu is going to put this plan into action.** God has called him to do it.

**2Ki 9:15** 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.) And Jehu said, "If you are so minded, let no one leave or escape from the city to go and tell it in Jezreel."

- **Jehu said to the men if you want to follow me** and do what God has told me to do here, let no one leave or escape from the city to go and tell it in Jezreel. Do not leave and tell anybody! Joram will then hear and use that opportunity to prepare his defenses, and things will be more difficult than they need to be.

**2Ki 9:16** 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.

- **You remember that at the end** of the last chapter that Ahaziah had come up to visit Joram in Jezreel.

**2Ki 9:17** 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?'"

- **The watchman sees this dust in the distance.** He knows that horses are involved. It is quite a distance. He does not know that it is Jehu yet, so he announces to the city, I see a company of men.
- **Joram said, Get a horseman, send them out to meet them,** and let him say, "Is it peace?" Joram does not know whether the Syrians have re-attacked. He sends a messenger to find out what this is all about.

**2Ki 9:18-20** 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." 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; and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously!"

- **Jehu was a chariot commander, and commander over the chariot portion of the Israeli army.** He was known for being very heroic and driving these chariots at absolutely full speed into battle. This looks like he is coming to battle here. This is what he is doing. He is coming with great speed.

**2Ki 9:21** 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.

- **They met on the property of Naboth the Jezreelite, which was that field** that Jezebel had taken from Naboth. Ahab and Jezebel had wrongfully taken the vineyard from Naboth and had Naboth and his sons murdered! God then pronounced the judgment on Jezebel and on the house of Ahab. God is patient but He is absolutely just! Sometimes justice grinds very, slowly, but it grinds very, finely. God accomplishes in His timing, judging the wrongdoing in the world, but His justice will certainly come!
- **Notice God's timing! Joram and Jezebel are going to die here.** Her body will be left on that plot of land, upon which she arranged the murder of both Naboth and his sons in order to steal it away from them!

**2Ki 9:22** 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?"

- **How can there be peace with all of the wickedness that your mother has introduced** to the land?" Jehu had the proper concept that as long as you have all of this corruption going on in the land, there cannot be peace. As long as we have so much satanic worship, witchcraft, and Godless things going on, there cannot be peace. There cannot be peace in our land or in the world.

**2Ki 9:23-25** Then Joram turned around and fled, and said to Ahaziah, "Treachery, Ahaziah!" [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. [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:

- (1Ki 21:19) You (Elijah) shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "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."

**2Ki 9:26** '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."

- **The blood of his sons.** Here is where we come to learn that Jezebel not only had Naboth killed in order to get the land, but also all of his blood descendants, all of his sons and heirs.
- **Take Joram's body, and toss it there in that field** that once belonged to Naboth, that he might die there.

**2Ki 9:27-28** 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.

- (2Ch 22:1-9) gives us the details. So, Jehu has begun wiping out the house of Ahab now!

**2Ki 9:29** In the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab, Ahaziah had become king over Judah.

- Now this is Ahaziah in the south, a grandson-in law of Ahab, who had just died.

**Jehu Executes Jezebel – God's Justice – Prophecy fulfilled!**

**2Ki 9:30** Now when Jehu had come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; (likely including the killing of Joram, her son) and she put paint on her eyes and adorned her head, and looked through a window.

- **Jezebel realizes that she is in deep trouble.** She is going to try and shame Jehu out of what he has been called to do in executing her as well. But I think that she is just getting herself to looking nice. She was supposed to be a very stunning woman in terms of a physical beauty.

**2Ki 9:31** Then, as Jehu entered at the gate, she said, "Is it peace, Zimri, murderer of your master?"

- **Jezebel is trying to shame Jehu into hesitating.** In (1Ki 16:10-18) Zimri had killed Elah, the king of Israel when he was drunk and taken his throne. Zimri only reigned for seven days and then Omri surrounded him and he burned down the palace on himself. He died, he only had a seven-day reign. So, Jezebel cried out from the window to Jehu to remember that Zimri that murdered his master, did he last?

**2Ki 9:32** And he (Jehu) looked up at the window, and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" So two or three eunuchs looked out at him.

- **Two or three eunuchs looked out at him,** who waited on her, as such did on women of position. They indicated by their looks they were ready to do anything Jehu directed. Jezebel, perhaps having been a very cruel mistress to them, and so was hated by them. They likely hoped by pleasing Jehu, to be in his court.

**2Ki 9:33** Then he said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down, and some of her blood splattered on the wall and on the horses; and he trampled her underfoot.

- **They throw her out the window. She is all painted up.** She looked really good coming down. Some of her blood splattered on the wall, and some on the horses, then Jehu trampled her underfoot, going over her a number of times with his chariot and his horses. She hits the ground. Just to make sure, he rides over her.

**2Ki 9:34** And when he (Jehu) 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 (Ethbaal) daughter."

- **Jezebel's father, Ethbaal was the king of Sidon.** She was a king's daughter, and so he said, you know, "At least give her the honor of a burial in that her dad was a king."

**2Ki 9:35** 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.

- **When wild dogs, even to the present day, devour a human carcass, they do not eat** the soles of the feet, or the palms of the hands, for some strange reason. That was all they found. The palms of her hands, the soles of her feet, and her skull. There was really left to bury.

**2Ki 9:36-37** Therefore they came back and told him (Jehu). 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."*

- **You will not be able to recognize her. The dogs will eat her.** So, the prophecy that was made by Elijah the prophet was fulfilled, literally, Jezebel being eaten there, of the dogs. The wheels of God's justice turn slowly, but they grind incredibly fine. Even the wild dogs had instinct not to eat the parts of Jezebel that had brought such idolatry and immorality to Israel. (1Ki 21:23) *And concerning Jezebel the LORD also spoke, saying, 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.'*
- **God's Justice, Prophecy Fulfilled! What wonderful prophetic examples for us in seeing God's justice being served for Ahab and Jezebels' wickedness in taking Naboth's vineyard and murdering him and his sons. We see that accuracy in the Bible prophecies, which exactly predicted that on that plot of land, Naboth's vineyard (7X), would be the site of Ahab's and Jezebel's blood being shed, as well as being the meeting place of Jehu; also the place where Joram, King of Israel and Jezebel were killed.**

#### SUMMARY:

- **How fresh is the work of the Holy Spirit in my life?** In my thinking of exciting days with my Lord, how current are those times? Do I have to go back to remember any? How much freshness of work of the Spirit in my life is happening now?
- **Do I have any concept of the evil capacity of my own heart?** Jeremiah said, (Jer 17:9) *"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"* The scripture is true, and the heart is deceitful and desperately wicked. The only hope I have is the surrendering of my heart, and life to be controlled by the Holy Spirit.
- **Pray for Godly marriages, against influences of sin!** Notice how Joram, the son and grandson of two great kings in Judah, became an evil king, *"for Athaliah the daughter of Ahab was his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD."* How we need to pray for Godly marriages, for husbands to be a strong influence for godliness, resisting any influences of sin!
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- **The Blood** (Lev 17:11) *For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'* (Rev 12:11) *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*

#### NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD – Robert Lowry (2:02/2:05)

*1 What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*2 This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
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#### CLOSING PRAYER

**NEXT WEEK: Study II Kings, Chapters 10-11**