

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 8) 24 July 2Kings 01-05 God Heals
- 9) 31 July 2Kings 06-08 God Provides
- 10) 07 Aug 2Kings 09-12 God Honors**
- 11) 14 Aug 2Kings 13-17 God Judges
- 12) 21 Aug 2Kings 18-21 God Hears
- 13) 28 Aug 2Kings 22-25 God Moves

INTRODUCTION

- Jehu (not a nice guy) is anointed the new King of Israel, and receives a command from God to slay Ahab's household completely
- Jehu passionately executes this extermination command, and even slays Ahaziah, King of Judah, who was Ahab's G'son and Joram's nephew. Ahaziah's mom was Athaliah, Ahab's daughter. Jesus possibly had Jezebel blood in Him. Jezebel also meets her fate and gets eaten by dogs
- These tough, difficult passages on killing the wicked along with their family, friends, and progeny do not apply to us, but we do get a glimpse of God's holiness and the passion people have to obey God – when it suits them

Passage	Comments
2Kings 9:1-13	<p>Jehu anointed the new King of Israel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jehu was one of the "captains" or commanding generals of King Joram's army. King Joram was wounded in battle and was healing up in Jezreel. • Elisha sends one of the 'sons of the prophets' to anoint Jehu the next King of Israel (N. Kingdom) • Jehu went from a loyal follower to a conniving murderer to accomplish God's command. God can even use the wicked to accomplish His will..... Pr 16:4
9:14-29	<p>Jehu Assassinates Kings Joram and Ahaziah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judah's King Ahaziah was visiting his uncle, King Joram, as he was healing from his wounds • vv25-26. Jehu ironically has King Joram's body tossed into the field of Naboth where Ahab's troubles started (recall Jezebel had Naboth killed so Ahab can acquire his property, cf 1Kings 21) • King Ahaziah is mortally wounded, but dies later
9:30-37	<p>Jezebel is tossed out a window and is eaten by dogs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv30-31. Jezebel dolls herself up for the occasion and smarts off to Jehu by calling him Zimri, who only reigned 7 days after assassinating King Elah • vv32-35. Jehu found some eunuchs who had the guts to toss Jezebel out the window • Question. Do we have the guts to act courageously for God? Or to contend with evil? Or even to obey when others don't?
10:1-11	<p>Jehu Slays Ahab's Friends, Family, & Progeny</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv7-11. The killing is not over yet. 70 of Ahab's sons and all his friends and priests are wiped out
Cultural Issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingdoms were ruled by families, so if you didn't want competition later on, the ruling family had to be wiped out, bloodline and friends and supports
10:12-14	<p>Jehu Slays Ahaziah's Relatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did Jehu go too far with killing King Ahaziah's relatives from Judah? After all, they were paying a kind visit to the sick. But God's command was to wipe out all of Ahab's family (9:8)
10:15-17	<p>Jehu Meets a Rechabite</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremiah 35 records how the Rechabites shall not lack a man to stand before God forever for their trustworthiness • Jehu picks up Jehonadab, the son of Rechab, to ride in his chariot with him & witness his destruction of all that is Ahab's • A conservative Rechabite riding with Jehu and approving of his activities would be seen as giving his kingship credibility • Question. Who needs our credibility and how do we give it?
10:18-28	<p>Jehu Employs Deceit to Lure His Next Victims</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baal worship was the linchpin of Israel's fall • As noted many times before, the only way to reverse a nation from wickedness is by total or near-total annihilation (e.g., pre-flood world, Sodom & Gomorrah, Canaanites)

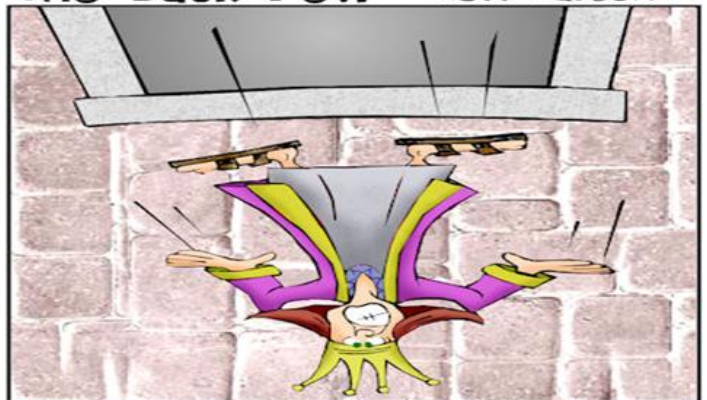
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jehu enticed Baal worshippers to join him for a "mother-of-all" feasts for Baal, then he slew them
10:29-36	<p>Would've, Could've, Should've</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v30. God blessed Jehu for caring out His orders • v31. Jehu was passionate to serve God, up to a point • v32. BUT, Jehu 'was not careful' to fully obey God and therefore, God 'cut off portions from Israel' • How sincere are we with following God? 50%? 75% 100% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Cursed be the one who does the LORD'S work negligently..... Jer 48:10
11:1-21	<p>Judah ruled by Queen Athaliah for 6 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athaliah was Ahab's daughter, & she had to have the support of Judah's military to seize power <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Should the military have been that loyal to Athaliah? • It baffles us why a grandmother would want to murder all of her grandkids just to have power • The Bible sheds some light on the wicked: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ They are wicked from birth Ps 58:3 ♦ They do not think through the consequences of their actions Lam 1:9 ♦ They develop a seared conscience 1Tim 4:2
12:1-21	<p>Athaliah's 7 yr old g'son, Jehoash, Becomes King</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to the help of Athaliah's daughter or step-daughter, Jehosheba, Jehoash is hidden for 6 years • Jehosheba (aka Jehoshabeath) was married to Jehoiada, who was a priest..... cf 2Chron 22:11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Jehosheba is a great success story – she overcame her dysfunctional family by apparently seeking after God, marrying a godly man, and was used by God to rescue the bloodline of Christ • vv1-3. Jehoash (aka Joash) was faithful to the Lord – AS LONG AS JEHOIADA, THE PRIEST, WAS ALIVE! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 2Chron 24:15-22 depicts the evil Jehoash did, including killing Jehoiada's son, Zechariah ♦ After 40 years, Jehoash is assassinated ♦ Are we faithful only when others are watching us? Or when things are easy? Or, are we faithful at all times?

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS:

- We are not commanded to slay the wicked, but are we as passionate to serve God as the wicked are to be wicked?
- God is going to accomplish His will for His people whether they like it or not, and whether they follow Him or not. He finishes what He starts..... [Phil 1:6](#)
- It is the same with us. Why fight God? Choose to follow Him in all things and position yourself to be blessed. Let's stay on course and finish strong

NEXT WEEK: 2Kings 13-17. Elisha dies and Assyria overruns the northern kingdom of Israel and disbursts them throughout his kingdom.

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In stark contrast to Elijah's exit to Heaven on a Chariot of Fire, Jezebel is thrown from her window, trampled by horses and eaten by dogs. **2 Kings 9:30-37**