

## THE SWORD OF JEHU. 2 KN. 9:14-29. 11/19/23. #19.

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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. 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." 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. 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?'" 18 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!" 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. 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?" 23 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: 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." 27 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. 29 In the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab, Ahaziah had become king over Judah.  
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### 1. Jehu, a man of action

- a. When Jehu saw that the other captains were with him (along with their troops) he immediately acted
  - a1. He gave orders that no one was to leave the city to warn Joram in Jezreel
  - a2. Leaving some troops for the battle against Ramoth-Gilead, he took select men with him
- b. Jehu rode furiously toward Jezreel (30 miles)
  - a1. He did not want Joram to escape
  - a2. His approach could be seen by the watch
- c. Joram sends out a rider to see if the men came in peace (perhaps, good news from the front)
- d. Jehu asks the rider, "What do you have to do with peace?" (a wicked king does not deserve peace)
- e. Jehu commands the rider to join him, which he does & then Jehu rides on
- f. A second rider is sent out with the same results

### 2. Joram's end

- a. The watchman states that the chariot driver drove fast & furious like Jehu

### b. Joram & Ahaziah of Judah mount their chariots to meet Jehu

- a1. Apparently, Joram has no troops with him
- a2. Joram is confident that he is safe

### c. They meet on the field taken from Naboth

- a1. Jezebel had stolen the field & put Naboth & his 3 sons to death
- a2. Judgment did not immediately fall on Jezebel, but it does now
- a3. God often waits for judgment to fall
  - b1. Rev. 2 waits for repentance
  - b2. Gen. 15:16 waiting for the fullness of sin & judgment
  - b3. Rom. 12 God chooses His time to act

### d. When Joram asks if Jehu came in peace, Jehu responds that there could be no peace as long as his murderous, lying, witch of a mother lived

- a1. Had Joram repented & not followed the way of his mother, he would have been spared
- a2. God had given time to repent

### e. Joram tells Ahaziah to flee, for it is treachery

- a1. Jehu sends an arrow through Joram's heart from his back as he fled
- a2. In an act of poetic justice, Joram is buried in the field of Naboth

### f. The end of Ahaziah, who fled to Megiddo, is unclear between this account & 2 Chn. 22:6-8

- a1. Apparently, he died of wounds in this encounter & was taken to Jerusalem for burial
- a2. 2 wicked kings are destroyed

### 3. Jehu's duplicity

- a. Jehu quoted God's prophecy about Ahab's house & Jezebel, but he did not live fully for the Lord
  - a1. He knew the Word, but only followed the part about judgment on the house of Ahab
  - a2. Jehu obeyed God's command, but not God
- b. Jehu rode on to the palace in Samaria to Jezebel
  - a1. A zeal to execute judgment
  - a2. He understood judgment, but not holy living