

## 2 KINGS CHAPTER 9

<sup>1</sup> And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said to him, "Gird up your loins, and take this flask of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth Gilead. <sup>2</sup> And you shall enter there, and there you shall see Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat son of Nimshi. And you shall go in and make him rise up from among his brothers, and you shall bring him into a secret chamber. <sup>3</sup> And you shall take the flask of oil, and pour *it* on his head, and say, 'Thus says the Lord: I have anointed you king over Israel.' And you shall open the door and flee, and do not delay."

<sup>4</sup> And the young man the prophet went to Ramoth Gilead. <sup>5</sup> And he went in, and behold, the captains of the army were sitting; and he said, "I have a message for you, O captain." And Jehu said, "To which one of us?" And he said, "To you, O captain." <sup>6</sup> And he arose, and went into the house, and he poured the oil upon his head, and said to him, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'I have anointed you to be king over the people of the Lord, even over Israel. <sup>7</sup> And you shall utterly destroy the house of Ahab your master from before Me, and shall avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the Lord, at the hand of Jezebel, <sup>8</sup> and at the hand of the whole house of Ahab; and you shall utterly cut off from the house of Ahab every male, and him that is shut up and left in Israel. <sup>9</sup> And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and as the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. <sup>10</sup> And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her.'" And he opened the door, and fled.

<sup>11</sup> And Jehu went forth to the servants of his master, and they said to him, "Is all well? Why has this madman come to you?" And he said to them, "You know the man, and his babble." <sup>12</sup> And they said, "Lie! Tell us now." And Jehu said to them, "Thus and thus he spoke to me, saying, 'Thus says the Lord: "I have anointed you to be king over Israel."'" <sup>13</sup> And when they heard it, they made haste, and every man took his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew the trumpet, and said, "Jehu is king."

<sup>14</sup> So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram, and Joram was defending Ramoth Gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria. <sup>15</sup> And King Joram had returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, in his war with Hazael king of Syria. And Jehu said, "If your heart is with me, let there not go forth out of the city one fugitive to go and report to Jezreel." <sup>16</sup> And Jehu rode and advanced, and came down to Jezreel, for Joram king of Israel was getting healed in Jezreel of the arrow-wounds in which the Syrians *had* wounded him in Ramoth in the war with Hazael king of Syria; for he *was* strong, and a mighty man. And Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram.

<sup>17</sup> And there went up a watchman upon the tower of Jezreel, and saw the dust *made by* Jehu as he approached. And he said, "I see dust." And Joram said, "Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, 'Peace.'" <sup>18</sup> And there went a horseman to meet them, and said, "Thus says the king: 'Peace.'" And Jehu said, "What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me." And the watchman reported, saying, "The messenger came up to them, but has

not returned." <sup>19</sup> And he sent another horseman, and he came to him, and said, "Thus says the king: 'Peace.'" And Jehu said, "What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me." <sup>20</sup> And the watchman reported, saying, "He came up to them, but has not returned; and the driver drives like Jehu the son of Nimshi, for it is with furious *haste*."

<sup>21</sup> And Joram said, "Make ready." And one made ready the chariot. And Joram the king of Israel went forth, and Ahaziah king of Judah, each in his chariot, and they went to meet Jehu, and found him on the property of Naboth the Jezreelite. <sup>22</sup> And it came to pass when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, "*Is it peace, Jehu?*" And Jehu said, "How *can it be* peace, as long as *there are* the harlotries of your mother Jezebel, and her abundant witchcrafts?" <sup>23</sup> And Joram turned his hands and fled, and said to Ahaziah, "Treachery, Ahaziah!" <sup>24</sup> And Jehu bent his bow with his full strength, and struck Joram between his arms, and his arrow went out at his heart, and he sank down upon his knees. <sup>25</sup> And *Jehu* said to Bidkar his chief officer, "Cast him into the portion of ground of Naboth the Jezreelite, for you and I remember, *as we were* riding on chariots after Ahab his father, that the Lord took up this burden against him, *saying*, <sup>26</sup> 'Surely, I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons,' says the Lord; 'and I will recompense him on this property,' says the Lord. Now then, I pray, take him up and cast him into the plot *of ground*, according to the word of the Lord."

<sup>27</sup> But when Ahaziah king of Judah saw *it*, he fled by the way of Beth Haggan. And Jehu pursued after him, and said, "*Shoot* him also." So one shot him in the chariot at the Ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there. <sup>28</sup> And his servants put him on a chariot, and brought him to Jerusalem, and they buried him in his tomb in the City of David. <sup>29</sup> And in the eleventh year of Joram king of Israel, Ahaziah began to reign over Judah.

<sup>30</sup> Now when Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel had heard *of it*, and colored her eyes, and adorned her head, and looked out through the window. <sup>31</sup> And Jehu entered into the city, and she said, "*Is it peace, Zimri, murderer of your master?*" <sup>32</sup> And he lifted up his face toward the window, and saw her, and said, "Who are you? Come down with me." And two eunuchs looked down towards him. <sup>33</sup> And he said, "Throw her *down*." And they threw her *down*, and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses; and they trampled on her. <sup>34</sup> And *Jehu* went in and ate and drank, and said, "Look after this accursed woman, and bury her, for she is a king's daughter." <sup>35</sup> And they went to bury her; but they found no more of her but the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands. <sup>36</sup> And they returned and told him. And he said, "*It is* the word of the Lord, which He spoke by the hand of Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'In the portion of Jezreel shall the dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel. <sup>37</sup> And the carcass of Jezebel shall be as dung on the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel, so that they shall not say, "*This is* Jezebel.'" "