

## Jehu Anointed King of Israel; Jehoram of Israel, Ahaziah of Judah, and Jezebel Are Killed

### 2 Kings 9

Group <sup>1</sup>	C	V	Description
Jehu Reigns over Israel	9	1-3	Elisha tells a young prophet to go and anoint Jehu king of Israel without delay
		4-10	The prophet tells the military leaders that he is to anoint Jehu king over Israel and that he would strike the house of Ahab and end his dynasty
		11-13	Jehu wants the hear the prophet himself and Jehu is acknowledged as king
Jehoram (Joram) is Assassinated		14-16	Jehu travels to Jezreel to Jehoram and Jezebel
		17-20	Each messenger falls in line with Jehu as he approached the city and Jehu is identified by his driving
		21-26	Jehoram and Ahaziah go out to meet Jehu in their chariots
Jehu Assassinates Ahaziah		27-28	Jehu wounds Ahaziah but he escapes to Megiddo and dies there and is returned to Jerusalem
		29	The beginning of Ahaziah's reign in Judah is recorded
		30-32	Jehu enters Jezreel and seeks out Jezebel and asks for volunteers to kill her
Jezebel is Slain	33-37	Jezebel is thrown from an upper window by some officials and the prophecies concerning her death are fulfilled.	

### Reflections

The death of Jehoram of Israel, Ahaziah of Judah, and Jezebel at the hands of Jehu begins the end of the evil reign of the family of Omri and his son Ahab in Israel. Ahaziah was Ahab's grandson as his mother was Ahab's daughter. So the evil of Ahab and Jezebel spread to the land of Judah as well through marriage. It was typified by idol worship of the most vile kind and treachery resulting in the deception and destruction of the people and their being led away from the one true God.

All of this (and the rest in the next chapter) was foretold by Elisha concerning the death of Ahab, Jezebel and their sons and was now being fulfilled under the leadership of Jehu. Jehu remembered the prophecy concerning Ahab and told one of his commanders to dispose of the body of Jehoram in the property of Naboth, whom Jezebel conspired against and had killed to give his vineyard to Ahab.

**2 Kings 9:25-26 NASB** Then *Jehu* said to Bidkar his officer, "Take *him* up and cast him into the property of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite, for I remember when you and I were riding together after Ahab his father, that the LORD laid this oracle against him: **26** 'Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons,' says the LORD, 'and I will repay you in this property,' says the LORD. Now then, take and cast him into the property, according to the word of the LORD."

God's word always comes to fruition. It can be counted on.

<sup>1</sup> (NASB) "Group" column from the headings in the NASB text.

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### *There and Then: Here and Now*

Answer the questions below as you reflect on your own life and this part of our study: *my LOG vs others SPECK*. Here are some possible responses I've identified from the text that might apply to anyone.

S - Are there *sins* for me to avoid or confess?

- What idols do I have in my life that pull me away from worshiping God alone?

P - Are there *promises* from God for me to claim?

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E - Are there *examples* for me to follow or avoid?

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C - Are there *commands* for me to obey?

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K - How has this passage increased my *knowledge* about God / Jesus / Holy Spirit?

- What God proclaims always comes to pass!

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