

Jehu Eliminates Ahab's House and Eradicates Baal Worship in Israel

2 Kings 10

Group ¹	C	V	Description
Judgment upon Ahab's House	10	1-11	Jehu corresponds with those protecting Ahab's 70 sons and had them execute Ahab's sons, fulfilling Elijah's prophecy concerning Ahab.
		12-14	Jehu travels to Samaria and captures 42 relatives of Ahaziah of Judah and of Ahab and Jezebel by marriage
		15-17	Jehu invites Jehonadab, son of Rechab, to witness the destruction of the house of Ahab in Samaria
Jehu Destroys Baal Worshipers		18-24a	Jehu gathers all the worshipers of Baal to destroy them, making sure to spare the servants of the Lord
		24b	Jehu stations 80 men around the house of Baal who are instructed to permit no one to escape
		25-27	Jehu executes the Baal worshipers and destroy the idols
		28-31	Jehu eradicated Baal worship, but the golden calves remained
		32-33	God was allowing parts of Israel's land to be taken by different groups
Jehoahaz Succeeds Jehu		34-36	Jehu dies and Jehoahaz, his son, reigns in Israel

Reflections

Jehu finishes executing the rest of the house of Ahab and Jezebel, including some of the relatives of Ahaziah of Judah who had come to visit their relatives in Samaria. Jehu also set about eliminating the worship of Baal in Israel by tricking the worshipers into thinking he was going to continue the worship of Baal and then executing them all in one place.

For all the good that Jehu did in fulfilling the prophecy concerning the destruction of Ahab's house and in eliminating the worship of Baal, there is a sad note about the worship of the golden calves of Jeroboam and his failure to wholly follow the commands of God.

2 Kings 10:29-31 NASB However, *as for* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which he made Israel sin, from these Jehu did not depart, *even* the golden calves that *were* at Bethel and that *were* at Dan. **30** The LORD said to Jehu, "Because you have done well in executing what is right in My eyes, *and* have done to the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in My heart, your sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel." **31** But Jehu was not careful to walk in the law of the LORD, the God of Israel, with all his heart; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, which he made Israel sin.

God promised Jehu four generations of kings from his family but sadly Jehu didn't follow all the commands of the Lord and continue to worship the golden calves set up by Jeroboam at the beginning of his reign after Solomon's death.

So too, we as Christians need to make sure that we don't just go part way in our faith, but make sure to love and serve God with our whole heart. If you find yourself in a position of living in partial commitment to God, you can begin anew, even today, right now as you read this. Remember the words of Hebrews.

¹ (NASB) "Group" column from the headings in the NASB text.

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Hebrews 3:12-14 NASB Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. **13** But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. **14** For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,

While you are still living, you can begin again. Why wait!

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?

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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?

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