

2 Kings 9

Jehu Takes Over

Lesson 25

Ahaziah, the king of Judah, met his death while coming to the aid of Joram, the king of Israel. The one responsible for the deaths of the kings was a man named Jehu; the same man Elijah was told to anoint in 1 Kings 19:16. Chapter 9 now fills in the events just prior to the deaths of the kings.

Elisha & Jehu

1. Elisha summoned one of the young prophets and sent him on an errand. What were Elisha's instructions to him? (vs. 1-3)
2. When the young prophet arrived, whom did he find there? (vs. 5a)
3. When asked whom his message was for, what title did he use? (vs. 5b)
4. The prophet followed the instructions of Elisha. He began by anointing him king. Who does the prophet say Jehu was to be king over? (vs. 6)
5. Immediately following his new "rank," God gave him a new assignment. What was Jehu to do and why? (vs.7-10)
6. Why was Jezebel singled out? (1 Kings 18:4)
7. The other officers watched the young prophet fling open the door and run out. What did they think? (vs. 11)

8. What do their words reveal about their attitude and belief about God's prophets?

9. Jehu seemed to brush it off with, "You know the man and the sort of things he says." This made them curious about what he did say. When Jehu said that the prophet had anointed him king over Israel what did these officers do? Comment. (vs. 13)

God's Preparation

10. With this background information, the story continued. From 2 Kings 9:14 - 16:
 - How had God prepared the way for Jehu to carry out His judgment?

- And what warning did Jehu give the officers?

11. When Jehu and his troops arrived at Jezreel what happened? (vs. 17, 18)

12. What did Joram do when the messenger didn't return? (vs. 19)

13. What does the lookout tell king Joram? (vs. 20)

14. How did the king take this news? (vs. 21)

20. When Jehu entered the gate, Jezebel called out from her guarded citadel, "*Have you come in peace, Zimri, you murderer of your master?*" What was she saying by calling him, "Zimri"? (1 Kings 16:8-10)

21. How did Jehu react to her comment? (vs. 32, 33)

22. Then Jehu went into the palace to celebrate. Sometime during the meal he thought about Jezebel. What did he say? (vs. 34)

23. Why couldn't they carry out Jehu's instructions? (vs. 35)

24. How did Jehu respond to the news? (vs. 36, 37)