

Elisha Anoints Jehu King of Israel (841n BC)

2 Kings 9:1–13

1 Now Elisha the prophet called for one of the sons of the prophets, and he said to him, "Gird your loins, and take this flask of olive oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth-Gilead.

2 Go there and look there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi. Go, for you must cause him to arise from among his brothers, and you must bring him into an inner room.

3 You must take the flask of olive oil and pour it out on his head. You must say, 'Thus says Yahweh, "I hereby anoint you as king over Israel.'" ' Then you must open the door and flee; do not linger!"

4 So the young man, servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth-Gilead.

5 He came, and look, the commanders of the army *were* sitting *there*. He said, "I have a word for you, O commander!" Jehu said, "For whom? For all of us?" And he said, "For you, O commander!"

6 He got up and went to the house, and poured the olive oil on his head and said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: 'I hereby anoint you as king over the people of Yahweh, over Israel.

7 You will destroy the house of Ahab your master, and you will avenge the blood of my servants the prophets and the blood of all of the servants of Yahweh, from the hand of Jezebel.

8 All of the house of Ahab will perish, and I shall cut off all males from Ahab, both bond and free.

9 I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah.

10 The dogs will eat Jezebel in the territory of Jezreel, and there shall not be anyone to bury her.'" Then he opened the door and fled.

11 Then Jehu came out to the officers of his master, and they said to him, "Peace? Why did this madman come to you?" And he said to them, "You know the man and his foolish talk."

12 Then they said, "Liar. Please tell us." He said, "Thus and so he said to me, saying, 'Thus says Yahweh, "I hereby anoint you as king over Israel.'" ""

13 So they hastened each one to take his cloak, and they spread *them* under him on the bare steps, blew on the trumpet, and said, "Jehu is king!"

Jehu Kills Joram [Israel] and Ahaziah [Judah] (841n BC)

2 Kings 9:14–29

2 Chronicles 22:7, 9

Jehu Travels to Jezreel

14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. Now Joram was keeping guard in Ramoth-Gilead, he and all of Israel, because of the threat of Hazael king of Aram.

15 But Joram the king had returned to heal in Jezreel from the wound which the Arameans had inflicted on him when he fought with Hazael king of Aram. Jehu said, "If this is what you want, do not let him go out as a fugitive from the city to go to make it known in Jezreel."

16 Jehu mounted his chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram *was* lying there,

and Ahaziah king of Judah had gone down to visit Joram.

17 Now the watchman *was* standing on the tower in Jezreel, and he saw the company of Jehu when he came, and he said, "I see a company." Joram said, "Take a horseman and send *him* to meet them." And he said, "Is it peace?"

18 So the rider of the horse went out to meet him, and he said, "Thus the king asks, 'Is it peace?'" Then Jehu said, "What do you have to do with peace? Turn after me." Then the watchman reported, saying, "The messenger went up to them, but he did not return."

19 Then he sent out a second horseman, and he came to them and said, "Thus the king asks, 'Is it peace?'" Then Jehu said, "What do you have to do with peace? Turn after me."

20 So the sentinel reported, saying, "He went up to them, but he did not return, and the driving *is* like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives with madness."

7 But the downfall of Ahaziah was from God, *and intended* to come to Joram. And when he came,

Joram and Ahaziah Meet Jehu in Naboth's Vineyard

21 Then Joram said, "Get ready," so he got his chariot ready. Joram king of Israel went out, and Ahaziah king of Judah, each with his chariot. They went out to meet Jehu,

and they found him at the tract of land of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22 When Joram saw Jehu, he asked, "*Is it peace?*" And he said, "What peace *is there* while the prostitutions of your mother Jezebel and her sorceries are numerous?"

23 Joram turned his chariot and fled and said to Ahaziah, "It's treason, Ahaziah!"

Jehu Kills Joram [Israel]

24 Then Jehu drew his bow and shot Joram between his shoulders so that the arrow went out from his heart, and he slumped down in his chariot.

25 He said to Bidkar his third *servant*, "Lift *him* out and throw him on the plot of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite, for remember, you and I *were* with the pair of *chariots* behind Ahab his father when Yahweh pronounced this oracle against him:

26 "'Since I saw the blood of Naboth and the blood of his children yesterday,'" declares Yahweh, "I will requite it for you in this tract of land," declares Yahweh.' So then lift him out and throw him on the tract of land according to the word of Yahweh."

Jehu Kills Ahaziah [Judah]

27 When Ahaziah king of Judah saw, he fled the way of Beth-Haggen. Jehu pursued after him and said, "Shoot him also, in the chariot." *They shot him* at the ascent of Gur which *is* in Ibleam, and he fled *to* Megiddo, but he died there.

28 Then his officers carried him to Jerusalem, and they buried him in his tomb with his ancestors in the city of David.

29 In the eleventh year [*by accession reckoning*] of Joram the son of Ahab, Ahaziah had become king over Judah.

he went out with Jehoram to Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom Yahweh had anointed to destroy the house of Ahab.

9 And he searched for Ahaziah and captured him. And he was hiding in Samaria. And they brought him to Jehu and put him to death.

And they buried him,

for they said, "He *is* the descendant of Jehoshaphat, who sought Yahweh with his whole heart."

And the house of Ahab had no one to exercise power over the kingdom.

Jehu Kills Joram's Mother Jezebel (841n BC)

2 Kings 9:30–37

30 When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it*, so she painted her eyes with black eye paint and adorned her head and looked through the window.

31 Now Jehu had come in the gate, so she said, "*Is it peace*, O Zimri, murderer of his master?"

32 When he lifted up his face to the window, he asked, "Who *is* with me?" Two or three eunuchs looked down to him.

33 So he said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down, and her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses, and they trampled her.

34 Then he came and ate and drank, and said, "Please take care of this cursed one and bury her, for she is the daughter of a king."

35 When they went to bury her, they could not find her, except the skull, the feet, and the palms of the hands.

36 They returned and told him, and he said, "This *is* the word of Yahweh which he spoke by the hand of his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'On the plot of ground of Jezreel, the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel.'"

37 So the dead body of Jezebel became dung on the surface *spread* on the field in the plot of ground of Jezreel, so one cannot say, "This *is* Jezebel."

Athaliah, Ahaziah's Mother and Ahab's Daughter, Assumes the Throne of Judah (841n BC)

2 Kings 11:1–3

1 Now Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, so she prepared to destroy all of the offspring of the royal family.

2 But Jehosheba the daughter of King Joram and sister of Ahaziah took Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, and she stole him from among the sons of the king who were being put to death, *putting* him and his nurse in the inner bedroom. So they

hid him from the presence of Athaliah, and he was not killed.

3 He remained with her in the temple of Yahweh, hidden for six years *while* Athaliah was reigning over the land.

2 Chronicles 22:10–12

10 Now *when* Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son *was* dead, she arose and murdered all the royal descendants of the house of Judah.

11 But Jehosheba the daughter of the king took Joash, the son of Ahaziah, and kidnapped him away from the sons of the king who were to be put to death. And she put him and his nurse in a private bedroom. So Jehosheba the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, because she was a sister of Ahaziah, hid him from before Athaliah so that she did not put him to death.

12 And he was hidden with them in the house of God six years, but Athaliah reigned over the land.

Jehu [Israel] Kills Ahab's Sons (841n BC)

2 Kings 10:1–11

1 Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria, and Jehu wrote letters, and he sent them to Samaria to the officials of Jezreel, to the elders and to the guardians of Ahab, saying,

2 "Now, when this letter comes to you and your master's sons *are* with you, the chariots *are* with you, the horses, a fortified city, and weapons,

3 then you must select the best and the most suitable from the sons of your master, and you must place *him* on the throne of his father, and they must fight for the house of your masters."

4 But they were very afraid, and they said, "Look, two kings could not stand before him; how can we stand?"

5 So whoever was over the house, and whoever was over the city, and the elders and the guardians sent to Jehu, saying, "We *are* your servants; all that you say to us, we shall do. We shall not make anyone a king. Do *what* is good in your eyes."

6 Then he wrote to them a second letter, saying, "If you *are* for me, and you *are* listening to my voice, take the heads of the men of the sons of your master and come to me at *this* time tomorrow at Jezreel." Now the sons of the king, seventy men, *were* with the leaders of the city who were raising them.

7 When the letter came to them, they took the sons of the king, and they killed seventy men. Then they put their heads in baskets and sent them to him at Jezreel.

8 Then the messenger came and told him, saying, "They have brought the heads of the king's sons," and he said, "Put them *in* two piles *at* the entrance of the gate until morning."

9 It happened in the morning that he went out, stood, and said to all of the people, "You *are* righteous. Look, I conspired against my master and killed him. But who killed all of these?"

10 Know then that the word of Yahweh will not fail which Yahweh spoke concerning the house of Ahab; Yahweh has done what he spoke by the hand of his servant Elijah.

11 Then Jehu killed all of the remainder of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, all of his leaders, his close friends, and his priests, until there was no survivor left for him.

Jehu [Israel] Kills Ahaziah's [Judah] Relatives (841n BC)

2 Kings 10:12–14

12 Then he arose and went and came to Samaria.

On the way, he was *at* Beth-Eked of the shepherds,

13 and Jehu met the brothers of Ahaziah king of Judah.

He asked, "Who *are* you?" They said, "We *are* the brothers of Ahaziah; we came down for the peace of the king's children and the children of the queen."

14 Then he said, "Seize them alive!" So they seized them alive but then slaughtered them at the cistern of Beth-Eked, forty-two men. He did not allow any of them to survive.

2 Chronicles 22:8

8 And it happened *that* when Jehu was judging the house of Ahab,

he found the princes of Judah and the sons of the brothers of Ahaziah who ministered to Ahaziah,

and he killed them.

Jehu [Israel] Kills Ahab's Family in Samaria (841n BC)

2 Kings 10:15–17

15 Next he went from there and found Jehonadab the son of Recab to meet him. He greeted him and asked him, "Is your heart right with me as my heart is with you?" Then Jehonadab said, "Yes, it is. Give your hand!" And he gave his hand and took him up to him on the chariot. [cf. [Jer 35](#)]

16 Then he said, "Come with me! Look at my zeal for Yahweh!" So he let him ride in his chariot.

17 Then he came to Samaria and killed all who remained to Ahab in Samaria until he wiped them out according to the word of Yahweh which he had spoken to Elijah.

Jehu [Israel] Exterminates Baal Worship (841n BC)

2 Kings 10:18–30

18 Then Jehu assembled all of the people and said to them, "Ahab served Baal a little, but Jehu will worship him greatly.

19 So then, summon to me all of the prophets of Baal and all of his servants and his priests; no man should fail to come, for I have a great sacrifice for Baal. Anyone who fails to come shall not live!" Now Jehu was acting with cunning in order to destroy the servants of Baal.

20 Then Jehu said, "Sanctify a *solemn* assembly for Baal!" So they proclaimed it.

21 Jehu sent *word* through all of Israel, and all of the servants of Baal came; there did not remain a man who did not come. They came to the house of Baal so that the house of Baal was filled from wall to wall.

22 He said to the one who *was* over the wardrobe, "Bring out clothing for all of the servants of Baal." So he brought the clothing out for them.

23 Then Jehu and Jehonadab the son of Recab came to the temple of Baal, and he said to the servants of Baal, "Search and see that there is none of the servants of Yahweh here with you; only those who serve Baal."

24 They came to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had stationed for himself eighty men outside, and he said, "The man who lets *anyone* escape from the men who I am entrusting to you, he will pay with his life!"

25 It happened that when he finished offering the burnt offering, Jehu said to the royal guard and to the officers, "Come and kill them; let no man go free!" So they put them to the sword, and the royal guard and the officers threw them out, then they went up to the citadel of the temple of Baal.

26 They brought out the stone pillars of the temple of Baal and burned them.

27 So they broke down the stone pillars of Baal and destroyed the temple of Baal and made it into a latrine until this day.

28 So Jehu wiped out Baal from Israel.

29 Only Jehu did not turn aside from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat *by* which he caused Israel to sin; *namely*, the calf-shaped idols of gold which *were in* Bethel and Dan.

30 Yahweh said to Jehu, "Because you have done well by doing right in my eyes and you have done to the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in my heart; *therefore*, sons of the fourth generation will sit for you on the throne of Israel."

The Shunammite Woman Returns to Israel (c. 837 BC)

2 Kings 8:3–6

3 It happened at the end of seven years that the woman returned from the land of *the* Philistines and went out to appeal to the king for her household and for her properties.

4 Now the king *was* speaking to Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, "Please tell me all of the great things which Elisha has done."

5 It happened that as he *was* telling the king how he had restored the dead to life, suddenly the woman whose son he had restored to life *was* crying out to the king about her household and about her field. Then Gehazi said, "My lord the king, this *is* the woman and this is her son whom Elisha restored to life!"

6 So the king asked the woman, and she told him. So the king appointed for her a certain court official, saying, "Restore all that *is* hers and all the yield of the field from *the* day she left the land up to now."

God Reduces Israel's Territory Under Jehu (c. 837–836 BC)

2 Kings 10:31–33

31 But Jehu was not careful to walk in the law of Yahweh God of Israel with all his heart; he did not turn from the sins of Jeroboam *by* which he caused Israel to sin.

32 In those days, Yahweh began to reduce Israel, so Hazael defeated them in every territory of Israel,

33 from the Jordan eastward: all of the land of Gilead, the Gadites, the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer which *is* on the Wadi Arnon and Gilead and Bashan.