

## Elisha Anoints Jehu King of Israel (841n BC)

2 Kings 9:1–13

- 1 Now 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.
- 2 When you arrive there, search out Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in and bid him arise from among his brothers, and bring him to an inner room.
- 3 Then take the flask of oil and pour it on his head and say, ‘Thus says the LORD, “I have anointed you king over Israel.”’ Then open the door and flee and do not wait.”
- 4 So the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.
- 5 When he came, behold, the captains of the army were sitting, and he said, “I have a word for you, O captain.” And Jehu said, “For which *one* of us?” And he said, “For you, O captain.”
- 6 He arose and went into the house, and he poured the oil on his head and said to him, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I have anointed you king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Israel.
- 7 You shall strike the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.
- 8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish, and I will cut off from Ahab every male person both bond and free in Israel.
- 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 shall eat Jezebel in the territory of Jezreel, and none shall bury *her*.” Then he opened the door and fled.
- 11 Now Jehu came out to the servants of his master, and one said to him, “Is all well? Why did this mad fellow come to you?” And he said to them, “You know *very well* the man and his talk.”
- 12 They said, “It is a lie, tell us now.” And he said, “Thus and thus he said to me, ‘Thus says the LORD, “I have anointed you king over Israel.”’”
- 13 Then they hurried and each man took his garment and placed it under him on the bare steps, and blew the trumpet, saying, “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 with all Israel was defending Ramoth-gilead against Hazael king of Aram,
- 15 but King Joram had returned to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds which the Arameans had inflicted on him when he fought with Hazael king of Aram. So Jehu said, “If this is your mind, *then* let no one escape *or* leave the city to go tell *it* in Jezreel.”
- 16 Then Jehu rode in a chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram was lying there.

Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram.

- 17 Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel and he saw the company of Jehu as he came, and said, “I see a company.” And Joram said, “Take a horseman and send him to meet them and let him say, ‘Is it peace?’”
- 18 So a horseman went to meet him and said, “Thus says the king, ‘Is it peace?’” And Jehu said, “What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me.” And the watchman reported, “The messenger came to them, but he did not return.”
- 19 Then he sent out a second horseman, who came to them and said, “Thus says the king, ‘Is it peace?’” And Jehu answered, “What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me.”
- 20 The watchman reported, “He came even to them, and he did not return; and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously.”

### Joram and Ahaziah Meet Jehu in Naboth’s Vineyard

- 21 Then Joram said, “Get ready.” And they made his chariot

7 Now the destruction of Ahaziah was from God, in that he went to Joram.

<p>ready. Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu</p> <p>and found him in the property of Naboth the Jezreelite. 22 When Joram saw Jehu, he said, “Is it peace, Jehu?” And he answered, “What peace, so long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?” 23 So Joram reined about and fled and said to Ahaziah, “<i>There is treachery, O Ahaziah!</i>”</p> <p><b>Jehu Kills Joram [Israel]</b> 24 And Jehu drew his bow with his full strength and shot Joram between his arms; and the arrow went through his heart and he sank in his chariot. 25 Then <i>Jehu</i> said to Bidkar his officer, “Take <i>him</i> 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.”</p> <p><b>Jehu Kills Ahaziah [Judah]</b> 27 When Ahaziah the king of Judah saw <i>this</i>, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu pursued him and said, “Shoot him too, in the chariot.” <i>So they shot him</i> at the ascent of Gur, which is at Ibleam. But he fled to Megiddo and died there.</p> <p>28 Then his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem and buried him in his grave with his fathers in the city of David.</p> <p>29 Now in the eleventh year [<i>by accession reckoning</i>] of Joram, the son of Ahab, Ahaziah became king over Judah.</p>	<p>For when he came, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.</p> <p>9 He also sought Ahaziah, and they caught him while he was hiding in Samaria; they brought him to Jehu, put him to death and buried him. For they said, “He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart.”</p> <p>So there was no one of the house of Ahaziah to retain the power of the kingdom.</p>
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### Jehu Kills Joram’s Mother Jezebel (841n BC)

2 Kings 9:30–37

30 When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it*, and she painted her eyes and adorned her head and looked out the window.  
31 As Jehu entered the gate, she said, “Is it well, Zimri, your master’s murderer?”  
32 Then he lifted up his face to the window and said, “Who is on my side? Who?” And two or three officials looked down at him.  
33 He said, “Throw her down.” So they threw her down, and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall and on the horses, and he trampled her under foot.  
34 When he came in, he ate and drank; and he said, “See now to this cursed woman and bury her, for she is a king’s daughter.”  
35 They went to bury her, but they found nothing more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands.  
36 Therefore they returned and told him. And he said, “This is the word of the LORD, which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ‘In the property of Jezreel the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel;  
37 and the corpse of Jezebel will be as dung on the face of the field in the property of Jezreel, so they 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

2 Chronicles 22:10–12

1 When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she rose and destroyed all the royal offspring.

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<p>2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah and stole him from among the king's sons who were being put to death, and placed him and his nurse in the bedroom. So they</p> <p>hid him from Athaliah, and he was not put to death.</p> <p>3 So he was hidden with her in the house of the LORD six years, while Athaliah was reigning over the land.</p>	<p>of the house of Judah.</p> <p>11 But Jehoshabeath the king's daughter took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons who were being put to death, and placed him and his nurse in the bedroom. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest (for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid him from Athaliah so that she would not put him to death.</p> <p>12 He was hidden with them in the house of God six years while Athaliah reigned over the land.</p>
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### Jehu [Israel] Kills Ahab's Sons (841n BC)

2 Kings 10:1–11

1 Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters and sent *them* to Samaria, to the rulers of Jezreel, the elders, and to the guardians of *the children of Ahab*, saying,

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

3 select the best and fittest of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house."

4 But they feared greatly and said, "Behold, the two kings did not stand before him; how then can we stand?"

5 And the one who *was* over the household, and he who *was* over the city, the elders, and the guardians of *the children*, sent *word* to Jehu, saying, "We are your servants, all that you say to us we will do, we will not make any man king; do what is good in your sight."

6 Then he wrote a letter to them a second time saying, "If you are on my side, and you will listen to my voice, take the heads of the men, your master's sons, and come to me at Jezreel tomorrow about this time." Now the king's sons, seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, *who* were rearing them.

7 When the letter came to them, they took the king's sons and slaughtered *them*, seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent *them* to him at Jezreel.

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

9 Now in the morning he went out and stood and said to all the people, "You are innocent; behold, I conspired against my master and killed him, but who killed all these?"

10 Know then that there shall fall to the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spoke concerning the house of Ahab, for the LORD has done what He spoke through His servant Elijah."

11 So Jehu killed all who remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men and his acquaintances and his priests, until he left him without a survivor.

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

2 Kings 10:12–14

2 Chronicles 22:8

<p>12 Then he arose and departed and went to Samaria.</p> <p>On the way while he was at Beth-eked of the shepherds,</p> <p>13 Jehu met the relatives of Ahaziah king of Judah</p> <p>and said, "Who are you?" And they answered, "We are the relatives of Ahaziah; and we have come down to greet the sons of the king and the sons of the queen mother."</p> <p>14 He said, "Take them alive." So they took them alive and killed them at the pit of Beth-eked, forty-two men; and he left none of them.</p>	<p>8 It came about when Jehu was executing judgment on the house of Ahab,</p> <p>he found the princes of Judah and the sons of Ahaziah's brothers ministering to Ahaziah,</p> <p>and slew them.</p>
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### Jehu [Israel] Kills Ahab's Family in Samaria (841n BC)

2 Kings 10:15–17

15 Now when he had departed from there, he met Jehonadab the son of Rechab *coming* to meet him; and he greeted him and said to him, "Is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart?" And Jehonadab answered, "It is." *Jehu said*, "If it is, give *me* your hand."

And he gave him his hand, and he took him up to him into the chariot. [cf. [Jer 35](#)]

16 He said, “Come with me and see my zeal for the LORD.” So he made him ride in his chariot.

17 When he came to Samaria, he killed all who remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to Elijah.

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

2 Kings 10:18–30

18 Then Jehu gathered all the people and said to them, “Ahab served Baal a little; Jehu will serve him much.

19 Now, summon all the prophets of Baal, all his worshipers and all his priests; let no one be missing, for I have a great sacrifice for Baal; whoever is missing shall not live.” But Jehu did it in cunning, so that he might destroy the worshipers of Baal.

20 And Jehu said, “Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal.” And they proclaimed *it*.

21 Then Jehu sent throughout Israel and all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. And when they went into the house of Baal, the house of Baal was filled from one end to the other.

22 He said to the one who *was* in charge of the wardrobe, “Bring out garments for all the worshipers of Baal.” So he brought out garments for them.

23 Jehu went into the house of Baal with Jehonadab the son of Rechab; and he said to the worshipers of Baal, “Search and see that there is here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but only the worshipers of Baal.”

24 Then they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had stationed for himself eighty men outside, and he had said, “The one who permits any of the men whom I bring into your hands to escape shall give up his life in exchange.”

25 Then it came about, as soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the royal officers, “Go in, kill them; let none come out.” And they killed them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the royal officers threw *them* out, and went to the inner room of the house of Baal.

26 They brought out the *sacred* pillars of the house of Baal and burned them.

27 They also broke down the *sacred* pillar of Baal and broke down the house of Baal, and made it a latrine to this day.

28 Thus Jehu eradicated Baal out of Israel.

29 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.”

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

2 Kings 8:3–6

3 At the end of seven years, the woman returned from the land of the Philistines; and she went out to appeal to the king for her house and for her field.

4 Now the king was talking with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, “Please relate to me all the great things that Elisha has done.”

5 As he was relating to the king how he had restored to life the one who was dead, behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life appealed to the king for her house and for her field. And Gehazi said, “My lord, O king, this is the woman and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life.”

6 When the king asked the woman, she related *it* to him. So the king appointed for her a certain officer, saying, “Restore all that was hers and all the produce of the field from the day that she left the land even until 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 the LORD, the God of Israel, with all his heart; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, which he made Israel sin.

32 In those days the LORD began to cut off *portions* from Israel; and Hazael defeated them throughout the territory of Israel:

33 from the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites and the Reubenites and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the valley of the Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.