

Jehu Reigns over Israel

9:1 Now Elisha the prophet called one of ^athe sons of the prophets, and said to him, ^b“Gird up your loins, and ^ctake this flask of oil in your hand, and go to ^dRamoth-gilead. 2 “When you arrive there, ¹search out ^aJehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in and ²^bbid 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, “^aI have anointed you king over Israel.”’ Then open the door and flee and do not wait.” 4 So ^athe 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, “¹For which *one* of us?” And he said, “For you, O captain.” 6 And 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, “^aI have anointed you king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Israel. 7 ‘And you shall strike the house of Ahab your master, ^athat I may avenge ^bthe blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, ^cat the hand of Jezebel. 8 ‘For the whole house of Ahab shall perish, and ^aI will cut off from Ahab ^bevery male person ^cboth bond and free in Israel. 9 ‘And ^aI will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and ^blike the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. 10 ‘And ^athe 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, “^aIs all well? Why did this ^bmad fellow come to you?” And he said to them, “You know *very well* the man and his talk.” 12 And 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 ^athey hurried and each man took his garment and placed it under him on the bare steps, and ^bblew the trumpet, saying, “Jehu is king!”

Jehoram (Joram) Is Assassinated

14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. ^aNow Joram ¹with all Israel was ²defending Ramoth-gilead against Hazael king of Aram, 15 but ^aKing ¹Joram had returned to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds which the Arameans had ²inflicted on him when he fought with Hazael king of Aram. So Jehu said, “If this is your mind, *then* let no one escape *or* ³leave the city to go tell *it* in Jezreel.” 16 Then Jehu rode in a chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram was lying there. ^aAnd 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 ¹company of Jehu as he came, and said, “I see a ¹company.” 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, “^aWhat have you to do with peace? Turn behind me.” And the watchman ¹reported, “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 ¹answered, “What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me.” 20 And the watchman ¹reported, “He came even to them, and he did not return; and ^athe driving is like the driving of ^bJehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously.”

21 Then ¹Joram said, “²Get ready.” And they made his chariot ready. ^aAnd ¹Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu and found him in the ³^bproperty of Naboth the Jezreelite. **22** And it came about, when ¹Joram saw Jehu, that he said, “Is it peace, Jehu?” And he ²answered, “What peace, ^aso long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?” **23** So ¹Joram ²reined about and fled and said to Ahaziah, “^a*There is* treachery, O Ahaziah!” **24** And ^aJehu ¹drew his bow with his full strength and ²shot ³Joram between his arms; and the arrow went ⁴through his heart, and he sank in his chariot. **25** Then *Jehu* said to Bidkar his officer, “Take *him* up and ^acast him into the ¹property of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite, for I remember when ²you and I were riding together after Ahab his father, that the ^bLORD laid this ^coracle against him: **26** ‘Surely ^aI have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons,’ says the LORD, ‘and ^bI will repay you in this ¹property,’ says the LORD. Now then, take and cast him into the ¹property, according to the word of the LORD.”

Jehu Assassinates Ahaziah

27 ^aWhen Ahaziah the king of Judah saw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu pursued him and said, “¹Shoot him too, in the chariot.” *So they shot him* at the ascent of Gur, which is at ^bIbleam. But he fled to Megiddo and died there. **28** ^aThen his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his grave with his fathers in the city of David.

29 Now in ^athe eleventh year of Joram, the son of Ahab, Ahaziah became king over Judah.

30 When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it*, and ^ashe painted her eyes and adorned her head, and looked out the window. **31** And as Jehu entered the gate, she said, “^aIs it ¹well, Zimri, ²your 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.

Jezebel Is Slain

33 And 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 ^athis cursed woman and bury her, for ^bshe is a king’s daughter.” **35** And they went to bury her, but they found no 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, “^aIn the ¹property of Jezreel the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel; **37** and ^athe corpse of Jezebel shall be as dung on the face of the field in the ¹property of Jezreel, so they cannot say, “This is Jezebel.”””

^a 2 Kin. 2:3

^b 2 Kin. 4:29

^c 1 Sam. 10:1; 16:1; 1 Kin. 1:39

^d 2 Kin. 8:28, 29

¹ Lit., *and look there for*

^a 1 Kin. 19:16, 17; 2 Kin. 9:14, 20

² Lit., *cause him to*
^b 2 Kin. 9:5, 11
^a 2 Chr. 22:7
^a 2 Kin. 9:1
¹ Lit., *To whom of us all?*
^a 1 Sam. 2:7, 8; 1 Kin. 19:16; 2 Kin. 9:3; 2 Chr. 22:7
^a Deut. 32:35, 43
^b 1 Kin. 18:4; 21:15, 21, 25
^c 2 Kin. 9:32-37
^a 1 Kin. 21:21; 2 Kin. 10:17
^b 1 Sam. 25:22
^c Deut. 32:36; 2 Kin. 14:26
^a 1 Kin. 14:10, 11; 15:29
^b 1 Kin. 16:3-5, 11, 12
^a 1 Kin. 21:23; 2 Kin. 9:35, 36
^a 2 Kin. 9:17, 19, 22
^b Jer. 29:26; Hos. 9:7; Mark 3:21
^a Matt. 21:7, 8; Mark 11:7, 8
^b 2 Sam. 15:10; 1 Kin. 1:34, 39
^a 1 Kin. 22:3; 2 Kin. 8:28
¹ Lit., *he and*
² Lit., *keeping*
^a 2 Kin. 8:29
¹ Heb., *Jehoram*
² Lit., *struck*
³ Lit., *go out from*
^a 2 Kin. 8:29
¹ Lit., *multitude*
¹ Lit., *multitude*
^a 2 Kin. 9:19, 22
¹ Lit., *told, saying*
¹ Lit., *said*
¹ Lit., *told, saying*
^a 2 Sam. 18:27
^b 1 Kin. 19:17
¹ Heb., *Jehoram*
² Lit., *Yoke the chariot*
^a 2 Chr. 22:7
¹ Heb., *Jehoram*
³ Lit., *portion*
^b 1 Kin. 21:1-7, 15-19; 2 Kin. 9:26
¹ Heb., *Jehoram*
² Lit., *said*
^a 1 Kin. 16:30-33; 18:19; 2 Chr. 21:13
¹ Heb., *Jehoram*

² Lit., *turned his hands*
^a 2 Kin. 11:14
^a 1 Kin. 22:34
¹ Lit., *filled his hand with the bow*
² Lit., *smote*
³ Heb., *Jehoram*
⁴ Lit., *out at*
^a 1 Kin. 21:1
¹ Lit., *portion*
² Lit., *I and you*
^b 1 Kin. 21:19, 24-29
^c Is. 13:1
^a 1 Kin. 21:13, 19
^b 2 Kin. 9:21, 25
¹ Lit., *portion*
¹ Lit., *portion*
^a 2 Chr. 22:7, 9
¹ Lit., *smite*
^b Josh. 17:11; Judg. 1:27
^a 2 Kin. 23:30
^a 2 Kin. 8:25
^a Jer. 4:30; Ezek. 23:40
^a 1 Kin. 16:9-20; 2 Kin. 9:18-22
¹ Lit., *peace*
² Lit., *his*
^a 1 Kin. 21:25
^b 1 Kin. 16:31
^a 1 Kin. 21:23
¹ Lit., *portion*
^a Jer. 8:1-3
¹ Lit., *portion*
ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.