

Jehu - 2 Kings 9:1-37

Topics: Escape, God's Will, Help, Idolatry, Justice, Murder, Occult, Peace, Prophecy, Punishment, Questions, Rebellion, Running, Vengeance

Open It

1. What fictional villain or villainess do you find fascinating?
- * 2. What would it be like for our country to be ruled by a tyrant?
3. Who are some of your favorite Christian leaders or teachers? Why?

Explore It

4. Where did Elisha send one of the young prophets on an urgent errand? (9:1)
5. What message was the prophet to convey to Jehu in secret? (9:2-3)
6. How did the young prophet separate Jehu from the group of officers? (9:4-6)
- * 7. According to the prophecy, how was Jehu to carry out God's will concerning Ahab's family? (9:6-10)
8. When the prophet had left, what did the other officers ask Jehu? (9:11)
9. How did Jehu summarize the prophet's actions for his fellow officers? (9:12)
10. How did Jehu's officers respond to the idea of raising up a new king? (9:13)
11. Why was Joram, king of Israel, particularly vulnerable at the time Jehu was anointed? (9:14-15)
12. After asking his supporters to keep his kingship a secret, where did Jehu go? (9:16)
13. What order did Joram give when Jehu's army was spotted coming toward Jezreel? (9:17)
14. What question did the messenger ask of Jehu? (9:18)
- * 15. How did Jehu reply to the king's plea for peace? (9:18-19, 22)
16. What did Joram do when the first messenger didn't come back? (9:19)
17. After the second messenger deserted in the same manner as the first, how did Joram take matters into his own hands? (9:21-22)
18. What happened when Joram tried to flee? (9:23-24)
19. What did Jehu want Joram's chariot officer to do in order to fulfill God's prophecy? (9:25-26)
20. What were the circumstances of Ahaziah's death? (9:27-29)
21. How did Jezebel attempt to show that she was not intimidated by Jehu? (9:30-31)
- * 22. How did Jehu manage to destroy Jezebel without lifting a hand against her? (9:32-33)
23. What did Jehu discover later when he sent servants to bury Jezebel? (9:34-35)
24. What prophecy of Elijah did Jehu realize had been fulfilled? (9:36-37)

Get It

25. How would you explain the haste and secrecy of the errand on which Elisha sent the young prophet?
- * 26. How did Jehu justify the fact that he did not come in peace?
27. When can conflict be a good thing?
28. What or who are some of the enemies of goodness and truth today?
29. What does it mean for us today to avoid "making peace with idolatry and witchcraft"?
30. What responsibility do we have to stand for God, as Jehu did?
31. What do you assume about a government from which there are wholesale defections when the opportunity arises?
- * 32. What loyalty supersedes king and country for every believer?
33. Of what two evils did Jehu claim to want to rid Israel?
34. Why was it significant that the bodies of Ahaziah and Jezebel were thrown unceremoniously on a certain plot of ground at Jezreel?
35. Why is dishonorable treatment of a body after death reserved only for the most hated individuals?

36. In what sense is a proper burial a sign of respect?

Apply It

- * 37. How can you show your support for a Christian leader or teacher?
- 38. For what fulfillment of prophecy do you praise God?