

# The Zeal of Jehu

2 Kings 10:11-28

Jehu killed all those left to the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and his great men, and his friends, and his priests, until he did not leave a survivor to him. And he rose up and came in, and went to Samaria. He was at the shepherds' shearing house in the way.

Jehu met the brothers of Ahaziah the king of Judah, and said, who are you? And they said, we are brothers of Ahaziah, and we are going down to ask the welfare of the sons of the king, and the sons of the queen.

And he said, Capture them alive! And they captured them alive, and killed them at the pit of the shearing house, forty men. And he did not leave a man of them.

And he left there and found Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him, and he blessed him. And he said to him, is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart? And Jehonadab said, it is. If it is, give your hand. And he gave his hand, and he made him come up to him into the chariot.

And he said, Come with me and see my zeal for YAHWEH. And they made him ride in the chariot. And he came to Samaria and killed all those left of Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, according to the Word of YAHWEH that He spoke to Elijah.

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

And now call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests. Do not let a man be lacking, for I shall have a great sacrifice to Baal. Anyone who is lacking, he shall not live. And Jehu was acting with cunning in order to destroy the servants of Baal.

Jehu said, consecrate an assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it.

Jehu sent to all Israel, and all the servants of Baal came in. And there was not a man left who did not come in. And they came into the house of Baal, and the house of Baal was full from mouth to mouth.

And he said to the one over the wardrobe, Bring out garments to all the servants of Baal. And he brought out the garments to them.

Jehu and Jehonadab the son of Rechab went in to the house of Baal and said to the servants of Baal, Search and see that there are none of the servants of YAHWEH here with you; but only the servants of Baal.

And they came in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. And Jehu had set for himself eighty men on the outside. And he said, the man who lets any of the men escape whom I am bringing into your hands, his life for the life of him.

And it happened, when he finished offering the burnt offering, Jehu said to the runners and the third officers, Go in, strike them. Do not let any man come out. And they struck them by the edge of the sword. And the runners and the third officers threw them out. And they went into the city to the house of Baal, and brought out the pillars of the house of Baal and burned them.

And they broke down the pillar of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal, and made it an outhouse to this day. Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

