

# JEHU'S ZEAL AND THE END OF THE WICKED

**BIBLE TEXT** : **II Kings 9:1-37; 10:1-36.**

LESSON 317 Senior Course

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil" (Ecclesiastes 8:11).

## **BIBLE TEXT in King James Version**

### **2 Kings 9:1-37**

<sup>1</sup> And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramothgilead:

<sup>2</sup> And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber;

<sup>3</sup> Then take the box of oil, and pour *it* on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.

<sup>4</sup> So the young man, *even* the young man the prophet, went to Ramothgilead.

<sup>5</sup> And when he came, behold, the captains of the host *were* sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.

<sup>6</sup> And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Israel.

<sup>7</sup> And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy 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.

<sup>8</sup> For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel:

<sup>9</sup> And 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:

<sup>10</sup> And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and *there shall be* none to bury *her*. And he opened the door, and fled.

<sup>11</sup> Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and *one* said unto him, *Is* all well? wherefore came this mad *fellow* to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man, and his communication.

<sup>12</sup> And they said, *It is* false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel.

<sup>13</sup> Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put *it* under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king.

<sup>14</sup> So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramothgilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria.

<sup>15</sup> But king Joram was returned to be healed in

## **BIBLE REFERENCES:**

### **I The Anointing of Jehu**

1. Elisha sent a young man of the prophets to anoint Jehu king over Israel, II Kings 9:1-3;

#### **1 Kings 19:15-17**

<sup>15</sup> **And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:**

<sup>16</sup> **And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.**

<sup>17</sup> **And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.**

2. The errand was accomplished according to Elisha's explicit directions, II Kings 9:4-10.
3. The captains of the host recognised Jehu's new office, and helped advance God's cause, II Kings 9:11-14.

### **II The Downfall of Ahab's House**

1. Jehu commenced his work for the Lord swiftly and without hesitation, II Kings 9:15-20.

2. Joram and Ahaziah were the first to fall, II Kings 9:21-29;

#### **2 Kings 8:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> **In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign.**

<sup>26</sup> **Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel.**

<sup>27</sup> **And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab: for he was the son in law of the house of Ahab.**

3. Jezebel was thrown down for her wickedness and sins, II Kings 9:30-37;

#### **1 Kings 21:23**

<sup>23</sup> **And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.**

4. The seventy sons of Ahab were slain in Samaria, II Kings 10:1-10.

5. The destruction of Ahab's house was complete, II Kings 10:11-17;

#### **1 Kings 21:21**

<sup>21</sup> **Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,**

#### **1 Kings 21:22**

<sup>22</sup> **And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.**

### **III The Destruction of Baal-Worship**

1. Jehu called all the worshipers of Baal to the house of Baal, II Kings 10:18-22.
2. Search was made among the worshipers to determine that

Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it be your minds, *then* let none go forth *nor* escape out of the city to go to tell *it* in Jezreel.

<sup>16</sup> So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.

<sup>17</sup> And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, *Is it* peace?

<sup>18</sup> So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again.

<sup>19</sup> Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it* peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me.

<sup>20</sup> And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving *is* like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously.

<sup>21</sup> And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

<sup>22</sup> And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, *Is it* peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts *are so* many?

<sup>23</sup> And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, *There is* treachery, O Ahaziah.

<sup>24</sup> And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

<sup>25</sup> Then said *Jehu* to Bidkar his captain, Take up, *and* cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD laid this burden upon him;

<sup>26</sup> Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take *and* cast him into the plat *of ground*, according to the word of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. *And they did so* at the going up to Gur, which *is* by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

<sup>28</sup> And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.

<sup>29</sup> And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

none but Baalites were present, II Kings 10:23.

3. Every worshiper of Baal was slain, and Baal's house destroyed, II Kings 10:24–28.

#### IV Reward of Obedience

1. God promised that Jehu's children of the fourth generation would sit upon Israel's throne, because Jehu did the work that God outlined, II Kings 10:29–36.

#### NOTES:

"Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?" (Ezekiel 18:23). God's decree of mercy to sinful man has been proclaimed throughout the earth, but those who refuse this mercy and rebel against God's authority will be brought to account for their sins. Mercy abused is mercy refused. "But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up" (I Kings 21:25). This sin of idolatry and the rebellion of Ahab and his family could not be overlooked by a just and holy God; therefore the house of Ahab was marked for complete destruction. The commission was given to Elijah to anoint Hazael to be king over Syria, Jehu to be king over Israel, and Elisha to be prophet: "And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay" (I Kings 19:17).

#### No Sincere Repentance

The people of Ahab's household were given every opportunity to repent. A span of twenty or more years elapsed between the giving of this commission and its complete fulfilment. Ahab humbled himself and went softly for a time after the stoning of Naboth, but his humility did not go deep enough to turn the tide of judgment — it brought only a delay of judgment (**1 Kings 21:27-29** <sup>27</sup> **And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.** <sup>28</sup> **And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,** <sup>29</sup> **Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: *but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.***). Had Ahab's repentance been sincere, coming from the depth of his heart and causing him to turn completely from his evil ways, there can be little doubt that the story of his life and household would have had an entirely different ending. The tragic example of Ahab's shameful living was followed wholeheartedly by his sons and daughters.

Vast is the influence that parents have over their children. God's charge and desires is that parents bring up their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The parental example, godly and above reproach of sin, will cause many sons and daughters to follow in the way of godliness (**Proverbs 22:6** <sup>6</sup> **Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.** ). God's mercy will not hold out forever in the face of sin. The reckoning day for Ahab's sinful household arrived suddenly, just as it will surely arrive for every sinner who will not repent of his evil ways and doings.

#### Jehu's Call and Commission

The avenging "sword of the LORD" that fell suddenly upon Ahab's posterity was held in Jehu's hand. Elisha sent one of the young prophets with a box of oil to anoint the new king and also

<sup>30</sup> And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

<sup>31</sup> And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, *Had* Zimri peace, who slew his master?

<sup>32</sup> And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who *is* on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.

<sup>33</sup> 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 trode her under foot.

<sup>34</sup> And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed *woman*, and bury her: for she *is* a king's daughter.

<sup>35</sup> 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.

<sup>36</sup> Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This *is* the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:

<sup>37</sup> And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This *is* Jezebel.

## 2 Kings 10:1-36

<sup>1</sup> And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's *children*, saying,

<sup>2</sup> Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons *are* with you, and *there are* with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour;

<sup>3</sup> Look even out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house.

<sup>4</sup> But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?

<sup>5</sup> And he that *was* over the house, and he that *was* over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of *the children*, sent to Jehu, saying, We *are* thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou *that which is* good in thine eyes.

<sup>6</sup> Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye *be* mine, and *if* ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time. Now the king's sons, *being* seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city, which brought them up.

<sup>7</sup> And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him *them* to Jezreel.

<sup>8</sup> And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning.

<sup>9</sup> And it came to pass in the morning, that he

to give Jehu the solemn charge that he should be the instrument to bring about the end of the wicked. The young man found Jehu in Ramoth-gilead, assembled with the other captains of the host. Jehu was called aside from the soldiers; the message was delivered to him; and the oil of kingly anointing was poured upon his head. The young man fled as soon as his errand was completed, leaving Jehu alone with his thoughts and tremendous responsibility.

Whether Jehu knew beforehand that this would be his task, is not known. Regardless, the commission was from God, and it would require God's help and power to perform it successfully. The immensity of the charge probably awed Jehu at its presentation, and caused him to wonder how it could be accomplished; but God soon answered any questions and opened the way for the speedy fulfilment of His commands.

Jehu may have prayed, as surely he should have done. Many are the souls who have answered the call of God since Jehu's day — not to destroy life, but to proclaim the Gospel message of life-giving salvation. God is still calling and commissioning men and women who will volunteer for His army and service. The truly successful soldiers are those who wait upon Him in much prayer.

## Recognition

The captains of the host were not slow in acclaiming Jehu as king. They hasted and took every man his garment and put it under Jehu on the top of some prominent stairs in Ramoth-gilead, and blew with trumpets declaring the new king. Jehu took the captains of the host into his confidence, conferring with them as to the best possible action to take. Together, they decided that no man should be allowed to escape out of the city to run with the message to Jezreel where Ahab's son, Joram, king of Israel, was recovering from Syrian-inflicted wounds.

Jehu waned to take Joram by surprise, and quickly organised a company of charioteers to bring about that end. The watchman on the tower of Jezreel spied the company of Jehu coming, but they were so far away he could not identify them. A horseman was dispatched to ride to the company to identify them and find out their errand. Jehu ordered the messenger to fall in with his company. The watchman related the happenings to the king, and a second horseman was sent out. The same scene was repeated, but by that time the watchman could identify the leader of the company as Jehu, "for he driveth furiously." (Many modern Jehus are to be seen in this age of horseless carriages, but driving furiously never has, nor ever will, add anything favourable to a man's reputation.)

## End of the Wicked

Joram had his chariot made ready to go and meet Jehu. Ahaziah, king of Judah and a relative of the household of Ahab, went with Joram. Each in his separate chariot, they met Jehu in that portion of land that had belonged to Naboth. Joram asked, "Is it peace, Jehu?" He answered "What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?" (II Kings 9:22). Joram realized that his day of reckoning had come, and he turned to flee; but the arrow directed by the Lord smote him between the arms and through his heart. Jehu ordered that the body be cast upon the plat of ground whereon he died, that the innocent blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons might be avenged.

Ahaziah saw the death of Joram, and he, too, tried to make his escape; but Jehu and his men followed and smote him in his



went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye *be* righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who slew all these?

<sup>10</sup> Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done *that* which he spake by his servant Elijah.

<sup>11</sup> So Jehu slew all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

<sup>12</sup> And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. And as he *was* at the shearing house in the way,

<sup>13</sup> Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who *are* ye? And they answered, We *are* the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen.

<sup>14</sup> And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, *even* two and forty men; neither left he any of them.

<sup>15</sup> And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab *coming* to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart *is* with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give *me* thine hand. And he gave *him* his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot.

<sup>16</sup> And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot.

<sup>17</sup> And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to Elijah.

<sup>18</sup> And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; *but* Jehu shall serve him much.

<sup>19</sup> Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice *to do* to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did *it* in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

<sup>20</sup> And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed *it*.

<sup>21</sup> And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

<sup>22</sup> And he said unto him that *was* over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

<sup>23</sup> And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only.

<sup>24</sup> And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore

chariot. He died at Megiddo, but was carried to Jerusalem by his servants and buried there. Had Ahaziah been content to stay in Jerusalem and worship the God of his fathers there, this fate would not have been his. The truth bears repeating: evil communications corrupt good manners, morals, and men. If we would live for God, we must separate our hearts and affections from everything that is worldly and sinful.

Jezebel was next in line to feel the vengeance of the Lord God of Heaven. She was defiant to the Law of God, and a rebel against God to her last breath. One would think that she would seek out a hiding place for herself when Jehu entered Jezreel; but instead, she painted her vain face and decorated her head, to appear to Jehu boldly and greet him with impudent speech. No doubt she tried to intimidate Jehu and make her way out of this predicament, as she has so capably done on previous occasions. Jezebel was, and is, the personification of evil. God gave her time to repent, but she repented not. The things God hates: "a proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren" (Proverbs 6:17-19), were found in Jezebel. If one sin in Jezebel stood out above the others, it was the shedding of innocent blood; for thus her indictment read: "Thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy 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" (II Kings 9:7). Pride also took its toll in Jezebel's life. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18). Jezebel fell. Two or three eunuchs threw her down from the window, and the horses of Jehu's men trod her underfoot.

### Jehu's Reward

The explicit commission that God gave to Jehu was accomplished to the last detail. Jehu's zeal abated not until the last man of Ahab's wicked household was thrown down. Jehu went even farther than God's express command to him, for through subtilty he destroyed the worship of Baal — the reigning sin of Israel. Baal had been the downfall of Ahab's house, but Jehu determined it would not be the downfall of his house.

For all this work God rewarded Jehu, promising that Jehu's children of the fourth generation would sit on the throne of Israel. "But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin" (II Kings 10:31). Jehu was a very zealous man, but the above statement shows that his zeal abated when the Word of God crossed his own plans and ambitions. He could drive furiously to perform the portion of God's commission that would benefit his own cause, but he stopped short of doing the whole will of God. Some forms of the idolatrous worship of Jeroboam were retained and caused the final overthrow of Jehu's house. Jehu's work for God pertained to earthly things; he failed to perform his spiritual obligations; therefore his rewards were of an earthly nature.

### Whole Will of God

Many so-called Christians live zealously by that part of the Word of God that suits their case, but they find an excuse for laying aside the portion of the Word that points out their failure and sin. They willingly put away the sins that are hated, but the little pet sins they cherish and roll under their tongues as sweet morsels. Service for the Lord is not wholly accepted unless his

men without, and said, *If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his life shall be for the life of him.*

<sup>25</sup> And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, *and* slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast *them* out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

<sup>26</sup> And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.

<sup>27</sup> And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day.

<sup>28</sup> Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

<sup>29</sup> Howbeit *from* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, *to wit*, the golden calves that *were* in Bethel, and that *were* in Dan.

<sup>30</sup> And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing *that which is* right in mine eyes, *and* hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in mine heart, thy children of the fourth *generation* shall sit on the throne of Israel.

<sup>31</sup> But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.

<sup>32</sup> In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel;

<sup>33</sup> From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.

<sup>34</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

<sup>35</sup> And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

<sup>36</sup> And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria *was* twenty and eight years.

commands are wholly followed out. To find true success, the seeker after God must believe the whole Word of God and go all the way, or he will fail of the heavenly reward in the end.

There is danger, when engaged in Christian service, of our doing the work with zeal that suits our purpose or that is interesting to us, but disdaining the work that is distasteful or uncongenial. The man who is truly consecrated and used by the Lord will become more and more useful in all lines of Gospel work. Most men are bound with limitations of one sort or another, and they are prone to use these factors as excuses for not launching out in the Lord's work; but the Lord has the power to overcome such handicaps and transform them into useful instruments in His hands. God can take the one-talent Christian and mould him into a many-talent Christian. As the ray of sunlight shining through the transparent prism shows by refraction the eight primary colours, so the Light of God shining through prismatic Christians will make visible to the world numerous aspects of God's grace not ordinarily visible to their sin-blinded eyes.

### **QUESTIONS**

1. To what position did God call Jehu?
2. What commission was given to Jehu? and how was the commission made known to him?
3. What group of people sided immediately with Jehu?
4. Who were the first men to fall to the avenging "sword of the LORD"?
5. What happened to Jezebel in the overthrow of Ahab's house?
6. Name the prophet who prophesied this very fate for Jezebel, and give the passage of Scripture that tells about it.
7. How did Jehu deal with the worshipers of Baal?
8. What reward did Jehu receive for doing this work for God?
9. Why did not Jehu receive a spiritual reward? Which reward is most important?