

2 KINGS 9 vs 1

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The first and second books of the kings originally were one book, which Jewish tradition credits to the prophet Jeremiah. The subject follows the successes and failures of the kings of both Judah and Israel. This second book of kings follows the decline of **Israel** leading up to their captivity in Syria; and 170 years later, to the decline of **Judah** leading up to their captivity in Babylon.

Elisha anoints Jehu king of Israel,

¹ Now Elisha the prophet called one of the children 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 And when you arrive there, search out **Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi there, and go in, and ask him to arise from among his brothers, and take 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 run, and do not linger.**

⁴ So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead.

⁵ And when he came, behold, the captains of the army were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to you, O general. And Jehu said, To which of us? And he said, To you, O general.

⁶ And he arose, and went inside; 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**.**

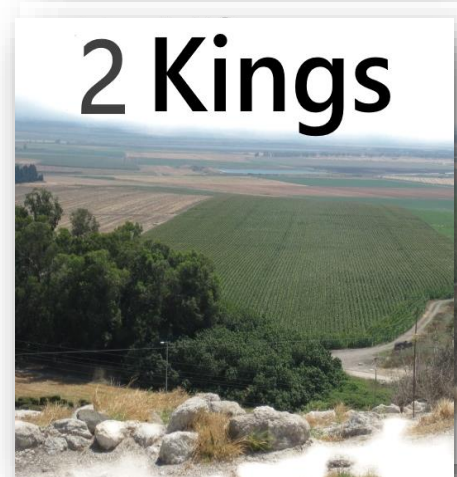
⁷ And you will strike the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel.

⁸ For the whole house of Ahab will perish: and I will cut off from Ahab all who pisseth against the wall, the slave and the free alike in Israel:

⁹ 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:

¹⁰ Dogs will eat Jezebel in the district of Jezreel, and there no one will bury her.

And he opened the door, and fled.



¹¹ Then Jehu came out to the officers of his lord: and one asked him, Is all well? Why did this crazy guy come to you? And he said to them, You know how a fellow like that talks.

¹² And they said, you are kidding; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus he spoke to me, saying, Thus says the LORD, I have anointed you king over Israel.

¹³ Then they hurried, and every man took his garment, and placed it under his feet on the stairs, and blew the trumpets, proclaiming, **Jehu is king.**

¹⁴ So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Aram.

¹⁵ But King Joram had returned to Jezreel to heal from the wounds which those of Aram had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) So Jehu said, If this is your mind, then let no one leave or escape from the city to go to tell it in Jezreel.

¹⁶ Then Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram was recovering there. And Ahaziah king of **Judah came down to see Joram.**

¹⁷ Now the watchman stood on the tower in Jezreel, and he saw the entourage of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram gave orders saying, Send a horseman to meet them, and ask, Is all well?

¹⁸ So a man mounted on horseback met him, and said, Thus says the king, Is all well? And Jehu said, What have you to do with peace? Fall in behind me. And the watchman reported, The messenger came to them, but he is not returning.

¹⁹ Then he sent out a second on horseback, who came to them, and said, Thus says the king, Is all well? And Jehu answered, What have you to do with peace? Fall in behind me.

²⁰ And the watchman told, saying, he came to them, and is not returning: but is driving like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he drives like a madman.

²¹ 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 district of Naboth of Jezreel.

²² And it happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is all well, Jehu? And he answered, Well? How can it be well as long as the whoring of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts continue?

²³ And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and shouted to Ahaziah, Treachery, O Ahaziah.

²⁴ And Jehu drew his bow with full strength, and struck Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went through his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

²⁵ Then Jehu said to Bidkar his officer, Take and throw him out of the ancestral portion of the field of Naboth of Jezreel: for I remember when I and you rode together with you following after Ahab his father, how the LORD laid this oracle of doom on him;

²⁶ Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, says the LORD; and I will punish you in this plot of land, says the LORD. So now take and throw him into the plot of ground, according to the word of the LORD.

²⁷ But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and shouted, Kill him also in the chariot. And they did so at the ascent of Gur, near Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

²⁸ And his men carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulcher with his fathers in the city of David.

²⁹ And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over **Judah.**

³⁰ And when Jehu arrived in Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and adorned her hair, and looked out of a window.

³¹ And as Jehu entered at the gate, she shrieked, How are you, Zimri, murderer of his master?

³² And he looked up to the window, and shouted, Who is on my side? who? Two or three eunuchs looked out to him.

³³ And he roared, 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 And when he went in, he ate and drank. And he said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a daughter of a king.

³⁵ When they went to bury her: they found nothing but her skull, her feet and her hands.

³⁶ For this reason they returned, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD, which He spoke by his servant Elijah of Tishbi, saying, In the district of Jezreel dogs will devour the flesh of Jezebel:

³⁷ and the carcass of Jezebel will be as dung on the surface of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that none will even say, This is Jezebel.