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Introduction

Last week we saw the ***EVIL EFFECTS OF EVIL INFLUENCES***. King Jehoshaphat of Judah, allowed the evil influences of King Ahab of Israel and his family to rub off on him and his family and his nation! This all came about because Jehoshaphat made unholy alliances with Ahab while he was alive and then with Ahab's son, Joram after Ahab's death. Both of these alliances, along with his son's marriage to Ahab's daughter, displeased the LORD and He let Jehoshaphat know that through His prophets he sent to him!

By the way, the LORD is not pleased when we make unholy alliances either because they tend to influence us in bad ways as well! ***1 Corinthians 15:33—“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”***

Jehoshaphat's son, Jehoram came to power after his dad's death and walked in the ways of the house of Ahab, because Ahab and Jezebel were his in-laws! Talk about your evil influences!

Then when he died from a great sickness where his bowels fell out, his youngest son Ahaziah came to power in Judah. ***(8:25-27)***

Ahaziah also learned to make unholy alliances as well! But since Ahaziah was unholy and his uncle King Joram of Israel was also unholy, it was just an “*all in the family*” unholy mess! In fact we about have to have a play card to keep all the players straight! ***(8:28-29)***

Well, in ***Chapter 9*** we're going to see that the LORD had enough of the evil influence of the house of Ahab (who was dead) and Jezebel (who was still alive) and their son, King Joram of Israel, and their grandson, King Ahaziah of Judah!

In order to bring the house of Ahab down, the LORD, through the prophet Elisha, called for the anointing of Jehu to be King over Israel and to take care of cleaning up this family mess!
2 Chronicles 22:7—“And the destruction of Ahaziah was of God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab.”

**I. WE SEE THE ANOINTING AND COMMISSIONING OF JEHU!
*(9:1-10)***

Now, some might question here why the LORD hadn't already taken Jezebel out a long time before this point. But listen, the ways of the LORD are not to be questioned by sinful man! Just know that the LORD has His ways and His purposes and He is Sovereign!

Isaiah 55:8-9 – “8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Romans 11:33 – “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!”

**II. WE SEE JEHU'S ANOINTING AND COMMISSIONING REVEALED TO THE SERVANTS (CAPTAINS) OF JORAM!
*(9:11-12)***

What was the reason behind having the one who anointed Jehu leave as soon as he had finished his task? We're not told, but consider this:

If this unnamed young prophet in training had been the one to tell these captains of Joram that Jehu was anointed king, then Jehu might have had a difficult time trying to figure out if they were just putting on a show for the prophet or if they were really behind him! They pretty much had to pull from Jehu the nature of this visit that he had!

**III. WE SEE THE PROCLAMATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF JEHU AS KING OF ISRAEL BY THE CAPTAINS!
*(9:13)***

Notice how these guys really didn't seem to have much allegiance to the injured King Joram!

It didn't take much convincing for them to turn and follow Jehu!

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- IV. WE SEE THE CONSPIRACY OF JEHU AGAINST JORAM!**
(9:14-16)
Jehu set out here with these former captains of Joram to carry out the Word of the LORD against Joram!
- V. WE SEE JEHU'S RESPONSE TO THOSE SENT OUT TO QUESTION HIS PURPOSE! (9:17-20)**
- VI. WE SEE JORAM AND AHAZIAH CAME OUT AGAINST JEHU! (9:21-23)**
How convenient for Jehu to have these two together! It made his work that much easier!
- VII. WE SEE JEHU TAKE THE LIFE OF JEHORAM AND DEAL WITH HIM ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF THE LORD! (9:24-26)**
- VIII. WE SEE JEHU TAKE THE LIFE OF AHAZIAH! (9:27-29)**
- IX. WE SEE THE FULFILLMENT OF ELISHA'S PROPHECY BY THE WORD OF THE LORD ON JEZEBEL! (9:30-37)**
(Cf. 1 Kings 21:23)

CONCLUSION

So, JEZEBEL and JORAM and AHAZIAH met their demise, but Jehu is NOT done! There are more of the house of Ahab that we will see him take care of disposing of in the next chapter! (He's got 70 more sons!)