

Winning a Battle While Losing the War

2 Kings 10:28-36

1. Winning the Battle against _____ (v. 28-29)

- a. Jehu _____ Baal from Israel
 - i. _____ event
 - ii. Instituted _____ years of “grace”
- b. Jehu _____ from true religious reform
 - i. _____ did not replace Baalism
 - ii. _____-sponsored idolatry continued

2. Winning the Battle against Evil _____ (v. 30-31)

- a. Yahweh _____ Jehu’s strike on Ahab
 - i. “He did well to do _____ in Yahweh’s eyes”
 - ii. “He did _____ which was in Yahweh’s heart”
 - iii. The reward: throne to the _____th generation!
- b. Jehu condemned for his _____
 - i. He “did not watch to _____ in Yahweh’s law”
 - ii. “He did not cease from Jeroboam’s _____”
 - iii. The analysis: zeal was not for _____ !

3. Winning the Battle of _____ Transfer (v. 32-36)

- a. The _____ reign of Jehu
 - i. Violent but _____ ascent to the throne
 - ii. _____ to Assyria (historical records)
 - iii. Pressure from _____ of Syria
 - Loss of _____ and Bashan
- b. The _____ of kingdom to his son
 - i. _____ transfer after 28 year reign
 - ii. Political _____
 - 1. Overthrows apostasy for _____
 - 2. Only restores Israel to _____ - _____
 - 3. One just instrument _____ another

And [Elisha] fixed his gaze and stared at [Hazael], until he was embarrassed. And the man of God wept. And Hazael said, ‘Why does my lord weep?’ He answered, ‘Because I know the evil that you will do to the people of Israel...’

2 Kings 8:11-12a

‘Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I anoint you [Jehu] king over the people of the LORD, over Israel. And you shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, so that I may avenge on Jezebel the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD.’

2 Kings 9:6a-7

For Further Study

1. Does it surprise you how much the LORD commends Jehu for his work in destroying the house of Ahab?
 - a. Read Numbers 25:6-13. When was violence condoned by the LORD? In what way did Jehu's zeal qualify?
 - b. Read John 2:13-17. Again, zeal is commended here – this time for Jesus. Did Jehu have zeal for God's Word?
2. Where do you think Jehu's zeal truly lay?
 - a. Baal was completely destroyed from Israel. Really! But did Jehu destroy all Baal worshippers, prophets and priests because he was pro-Yahweh or because he was anti-Ahab (with Baal-following pro-Ahab sympathizers)?
 - b. Read 2 Chronicles 34:1-7 and 19-21. Compare the reforms of Jehu to Josiah's reforms. Who was zealous for the LORD? Where does your zeal lay?
3. Place yourself in the shoes of the faithful remnant in Israel. What do you think they thought of Jehu in his purge of Ahab and Baal worship? What do you think Jehonadab (10:15, 23) thought about Jehu's reforms?
 - a. Do you place your hope in a politician? A political party?
 - b. Jehu's reforms ended with Ahab's abominations. He left in place Jeroboam's sins (Read 1 Kings 12:25-33.).
 - i. How does this show our hope isn't in any man?
 - ii. How does this show that even instruments of God's justice our subject to judgment?
 - c. How does trust in Christ differ from trust in mere men?