

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> 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 [Hazeal], until he was embarrassed. And the man of God wept. And Hazeal 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?