

Fall of the House of Ahab II Kings 10

Ahab's house is totally destroyed. 10:1-17

- ◆ Jehu isn't just a hot-rodding charioteer—he's clever and a great bluffer.
- ◆ More paybacks here for Naboth's murder, cf. 10:5,11 and I Kgs. 21:11.
- ◆ Bad timing for Judah's King Ahaziah's kinsmen to visit up north; it's a bit surprising Jehu keeps killing Judeans (see neg. words in Hos. 1:4).
- ◆ Jehonadab leads a fringe conservative group (noted in Jer. 35). Jehu brags of his godly zeal--same words used by Elijah in I Kgs. 19:10,14.

Baal's house is totally destroyed. 18-36

- ◆ What motivates Jehu to demolish Baal worship? He's no stickler for theological precision (vs. 28). He knew politics and of Elijah at Carmel.
- ◆ Commendation of Jehu ("done well . . . what is right") is only used of David and good Judean kings (I Kgs. 15:5, 22:43, 14:3, 16:2, 22:2). Jehu gets a "near-Davidic promise" for his dynasty (4 guaranteed gen.).
- ◆ Condemnation of Jehu will mean land losses east of the Jordan at the hands of Hazael (I Kgs. 19:17), as one usurper is used to nail another.



Is it not easy to launch off on a crusade to nail others for their sins / failures, and yet to ignore one's own issues—thus judging like Jehu?

Jesus warned of the easy tendency to judge others with enthusiasm yet to ignore personal problems, see Mtt. 7:1,2.