



# The Kings of Judah and Israel

LESSON #39 | Jehu is Anointed as King to Cut off Ahab's Family!

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2. Read each three passages below and answer the following questions

## **Exodus 29:7**

**7** Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.

3. What did God command to be used for the anointing?

- Perfume
- Oil
- Water
- Blood

4. What was the quantity of oil used and how was the action of anointing done?

- A small quantity of oil, by pouring
- A large quantity of oil, by immersion

## **Psalm 23:5**

**5** Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

5. Whose head was anointed with oil? Read 1 Samuel 16:11-13 to confirm your answer.

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6. What is the significance of anointing with oil?

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7. Now, highlight the phrase in 2 Kings 9:6 which confirms the significance of anointing with oil.

## **2 Kings 9:4-10**

**4** So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramothgilead.

**5** And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.

**6** And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel.

**7** And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy 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 shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left 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** And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled.

8. With Jehu's anointing, Jehu is the \_\_\_<sup>th</sup> King of Israel.

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9. In the passage, what word means "a duty which is commanded"?

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10. What was the charge (command) given to Jehu as the newly appointed king over Israel? Fill in the blanks in the passage below with the most appropriate answer.

The young prophet charged Jehu to s \_ \_ \_ \_ the house of Ahab thy master. This meant that everyone in the family of Ahab had to be k \_ \_ \_ \_ ! The house of Ahab refers to all of Ahab's descendants, including young children. The phrase, "him that pisseth against the wall" is an expression used to describe a young \_ \_ \_ . Thus, this was a command to kill all young children in the house of Ahab. Furthermore, the phrase, "him that is shut up and left in Israel", refers to everyone who is related to Ahab, from the one that is bound in prison ("shut up") or free to work in any field in Israel" ("left in Israel"). Both the word, p \_ \_ \_ \_ , and "cut off" expresses God's determination that everyone in the house of Ahab is killed by Jehu.

The reason for this is twofold. Firstly, it is to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the blood of God's servants who died because of the injustice and cruelty of Ahab and Jezebel. For example, \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ the owner of the vineyard in Jezreel and many other prophets and servants of God were brutally killed by Ahab and Jezebel. For it is written, " \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is mine, I will \_ \_ \_ \_ , saith the Lord" (Romans 12:19). Secondly, this was in \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of God's prophecy concerning Ahab and his family.

This prophecy is found in 1 Kings 21:21-24, 29: <sup>21</sup> Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ , and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, <sup>22</sup> And will make thine house like the house

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of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to \_\_\_\_\_, and made Israel to sin. <sup>23</sup> And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of \_\_\_\_\_.  
<sup>24</sup> Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the \_\_\_\_\_ shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the \_\_\_\_\_ of the air eat."

When Ahab heard God's judgement, he \_\_\_\_\_ his clothes and put sackcloth upon his flesh and fasted and lay in sackcloth (1 Kings 21:27). God had mercy on Ahab and said, "<sup>29</sup> Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house."

God kept to His word. When Jehu was anointed as king and charged to kill the house of errand, it was already about \_\_ years after Ahab had died! God's prophecy would be fulfilled in Ahab's son's days, and that was King \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel.

In terms of the geography of God's punishment, it is amazing that in the same place (\_\_\_\_\_) where Ahab and Jezebel plotted against Naboth, Jezebel would die!  
In 2 Kings 9, the prophet adds an additional point - no one would \_\_\_\_\_ Jezebel!