

The Kings of Judah and Israel

LESSON #42 | Jehu Deceives and Destroys the Worshippers of Baal

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2 Kings 10:18-21

18 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much.

19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

20 And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it.

21 And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

1. Which word in the passage above tells us that Jehu was not actually a great worshipper of Baal and his claim that he would serve Baal much was not true?

2. The description "the house of Baal was full from one end to another" tell us that the temple of Baal had:

- ☐ Very few worshippers who turned up for the assembly
- ☐ Many worshippers squeezed in the house of Baal, from one end of the temple to the other end
- ☐ Many worshippers moving about freely from one end of the temple to the other end

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22 And he said unto him that was over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.

23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only.

24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his life shall be for the life of him.

25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

26 And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.

27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day.

28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

4. What is a vestry?

5. What did Jehu do to please the worshippers of Baal?

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6. Why did Jehu ensure that there only worshippers of Baal were present in the temple?

7. What were Jehu's eighty men instructed to do? According to the passage, there were four instructions. What were these four instructions?

- 1)

- 2)

- 3)

- 4)

2 Kings 10:29-30

29 Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Bethel, and that were in Dan.

30 And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou hast done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy children of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel.

31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin.

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8. What did Jehu do well, according to the LORD?

9. What did Jehu not do well, according to the LORD?

10. What was God's reward to Jehu?

2 Kings 10:32-36

32 In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel;

33 From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.

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35 And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

36 And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

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11. How long did Jehu reign?

12. What was the name of Jehu's son who took over the throne?
