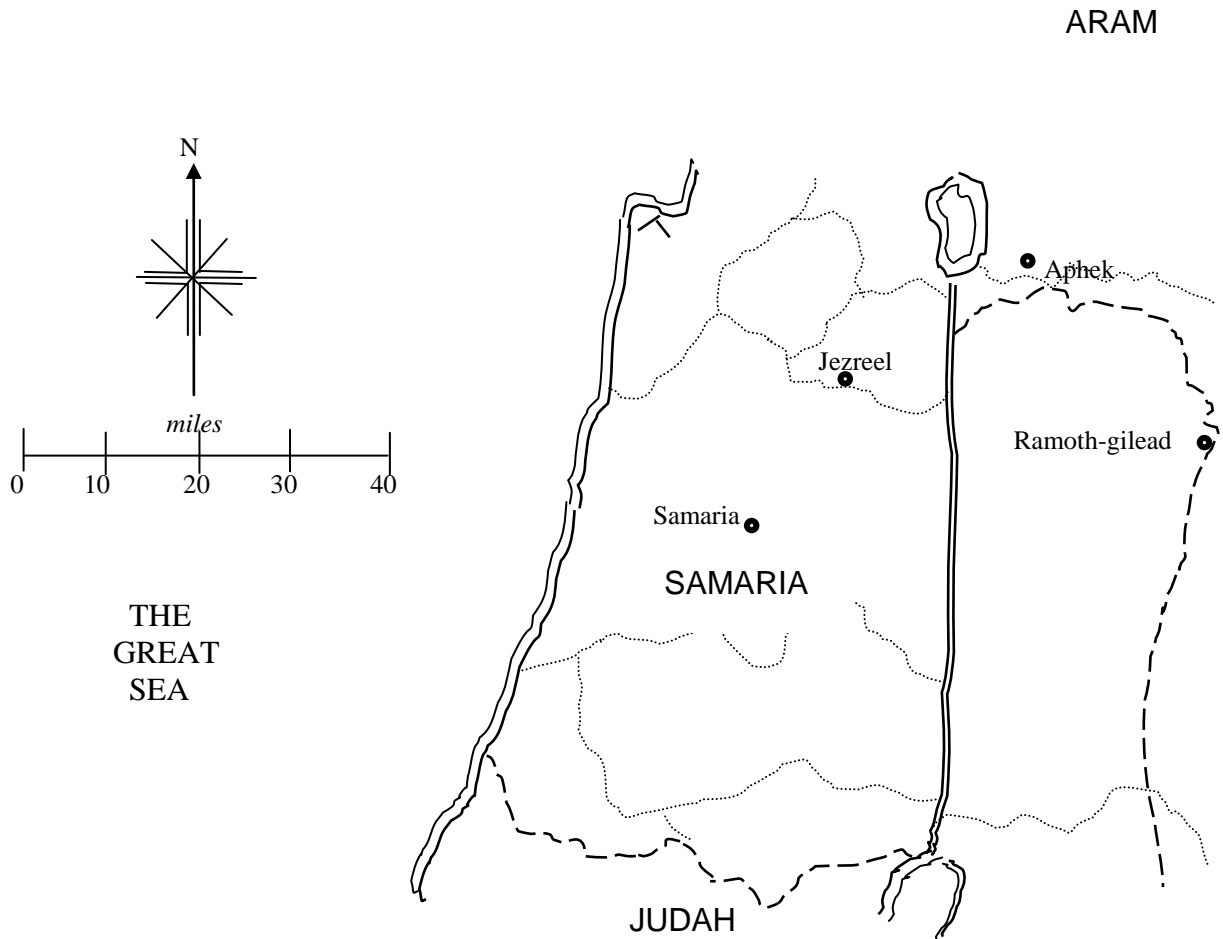


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#23, Jehu, II Kings 9:1-26

The next event in Elisha's ministry is, the anointing of Jehu as king over Israel.



1 Now Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets and said to him, "Gird up your loins, and take this flask of oil in your hand and go to Ramoth-gilead. 2 "When you arrive there, search out Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in and bid him arise from among his brothers, and bring him to an inner room. 3 "Then take the flask of oil and pour it on his head and say, 'Thus says the Lord, "I have anointed you king over Israel.'" Then open the door and flee and do not wait."

[1.] v:1-3, 'Thus says the Lord, **When had the Lord given this command?**

[2.] v:1, Ramoth-gilead, **Looking at II Ki 8:28-29, what was happening here?**

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4 So the young man, the servant of the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead. 5 When he came, behold, the captains of the army were sitting, and he said, "I have a word for you, O captain." And Jehu said, "For which one of us?" And he said, "For you, O captain."

6 He arose and went into the house, and he poured the oil on his head and said to him, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'I have anointed you king over the people of the Lord, even over Israel."

7' You shall strike the house of Ahab your 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 every male person both bond and free in Israel. 9' 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' The dogs shall eat Jezebel in the territory of Jezreel, and none shall bury her.' " Then he opened the door and fled.

11 Now Jehu came out to the servants of his master, and one said to him, "Is all well? Why did this mad fellow come to you?" And he said to them, "You know very well the man and his talk."

12 They said, "It is a lie, tell us now." And he said, "Thus and thus he said to me, 'Thus says the Lord, "I have anointed you king over Israel."'"

13 Then they hurried and each man took his garment and placed it under him on the bare steps, and blew the trumpet, saying, "Jehu is king!"

[3.] v:3, flee, Describe how you think, the young man felt while carrying out this task.

[4.] v:4-5, captains of the army, Considering v:2, whose army were these men in, Judah or Israel?

[5.] v:6, Thus says the Lord, Being descended from Jehoshaphat why would Jehu be surprised at this?

[6.] v:7-10, You shall, Jot down the main points of the charge, the son of the prophet gave Jehu.

[7.] v:11-12, the man and his talk, What was the initial response of the captains when Jehu first came back out?

[8.] v:13, tell us now, After Jehu told them the truth what did they do?

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14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. Now Joram with all Israel was defending Ramoth-gilead against Hazael king of Aram, 15 but King Joram had returned to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds which the Arameans had inflicted on him when he fought with Hazael king of Aram. So Jehu said, "If this is your mind, then let no one escape or leave the city to go tell it in Jezreel."

[9.] v:14-15, no one escape or leave, **What might be a problem if any one leaked, the latest news, from Ramoth-gilead to Jezreel?**

The scene changes to Jezreel where watchmen were given orders to keep a vigil on the road East. King Joram was desiring news, from the battlefield, as he convalesced. King Ahaziah kept him company.

16 Then Jehu rode in a chariot and went to Jezreel, for Joram was lying there. Ahaziah king of Judah had come down to see Joram.  
17 Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel and he saw the company of Jehu as he came, and said, "I see a company." And Joram said, "Take a horseman and send him to meet them and let him say, 'Is it peace?'"

[10.] v:16-17, Is it peace, **The watchman spotted a chariot and a few horsemen and shouted the news. Joram ordered a horseman to intercept the company and signal the news. What did the king hope had happened at Ramoth-gilead?**

18 So a horseman went to meet him and said, "Thus says the king, 'Is it peace?'" And Jehu said, "What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me." And the watchman reported, "The messenger came to them, but he did not return."

[11.] v:18, What have you to do with peace, **What did Jehu order the horseman to do?**

19 Then he sent out a second horseman, who came to them and said, "Thus says the king, 'Is it peace?'" And Jehu answered, "What have you to do with peace? Turn behind me."

[12.] v:19-20, driving is like, **The king ordered out a second horseman with the same result. Then, how did the watchman identify the driver of the chariot?**

20 The watchman reported, "He came even to them, and he did not return; and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously."

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21 Then Joram said, "Get ready." And they made his chariot ready. Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu and found him in the property of Naboth the Jezreelite.

22 When Joram saw Jehu, he said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" And he answered, "What peace, so long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?"

23 So Joram reined about and fled and said to Ahaziah, "There is treachery, O Ahaziah!" 24 And Jehu drew his bow with his full strength and shot Joram between his arms; and the arrow went through his heart and he sank in his chariot.

25 Then Jehu said to Bidkar his officer, "Take him up and cast him into the property of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite, for I remember when you and I were riding together after Ahab his father, that the Lord laid this oracle against him: 26 'Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons,' says the Lord, 'and I will repay you in this property,' says the Lord. Now then, take and cast him into the property, according to the word of the Lord."

[13.] v:21, each in his chariot, When the kings found out it was Jehu, what did they do?

[14.] v:21 again, they went out, Where did kings Joram and Ahaziah find Jehu?

[15.] v:22, What peace, What made Joram figure out that, Jehu was not just bringing news from the front

[16.] v:22 again, the harlotries, What did Jehu mean by this statement?

[17.] v:23, and shot Joram, As he watched this, why might king Ahaziah still not know what is happening?

[18] Reviewing I Kings 21:1-16, who plotted the murder of Naboth?

[19.] v:26, I will repay you in this property, How did Jehu act on the Lords oracle?

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