

Fall of the House of Ahab

2 Kings 10:1-17

1. _____ of God's Word Shall Fall (v. 1-11)
 - a. _____ letter to Samaria's leaders
 - i. To chiefs, elders and _____
 - ii. In recognition of their _____
 - iii. For the purpose of exposing their _____
 1. To inspire _____
 2. To inspire _____
 - b. _____ letter to Samaria's leaders
 - i. A _____ test (to Jehu)
 - ii. A _____ break with Ahab
 - c. Display of _____ for the new king
 - i. "We're all in this _____."
 - ii. Jehu _____ the word of the LORD
2. Man's Judgment Is _____ (v. 12-14)
 - a. Presumptive opportunity to rid _____ of Ahab
 - i. Relatives of _____
 - ii. Visitors of the king and queen _____
 - b. Presumptions on the directive of the _____
 - i. These are descendants of _____
 - ii. These are _____ targets (Hosea 1:4-5)
3. God's Word _____ Come to Pass (v. 15-17)
 - a. Recruitment of the _____ element
 - i. Identity of Jonadab son of _____
 - ii. Intertwining of the " _____ " of these men
 - b. Jehu's _____ for the LORD
 - i. _____ dripping from his sword
 - ii. _____ of the word of the LORD

And when Jehu was executing judgment on the house of Ahab, he met the princes of Judah and the sons of Ahaziah's brothers, who attended Ahaziah, and he killed them.

2 Chronicles 22:8

And the LORD said to him, 'Call his name Jezreel, for in just a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. And on that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.'

Hosea 1:4-5

Then I set before the Rechabites pitchers full of wine, and cups, and I said to them, 'Drink wine.' But they answered, 'We will drink no wine, for Jonadab, the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, 'You shall not drink wine, neither you nor your sons forever. You shall not build a house, you shall not sow seed; you shall not plant or have a vineyard; but you shall live in tents all your days, that you may live many days in the land where you sojourn.' We have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, ourselves, our wives, our sons, or our daughters, and not to build houses to dwell in. We have no vineyard or field or seed, but we have lived in tents and have obeyed and done all that Jonadab our father commanded us.

Jeremiah 35:5-10

Follow-Up Quote

"If we cannot dispute Jehu we may be tempted to question Yahweh. Why does he work like this? Why does he allow the gore of man to carry out the will of God? Couldn't he operate in a cleaner way? Perhaps. But we must remember two points. First, the Bible shows that God frequently works, we might say, indirectly – through human instruments, and unlike surgeons, God has no sterilized instruments; all of them are flawed and many of them opportunistic, self-serving Jehus. So God uses wicked people to carry out his divine design. Second, this is a situation involving the judgment of God, and it is very difficult to make judgment pleasant."

(Dale Ralph Davis, *2 Kings: The Power and the Fury*, 2005, p. 163)