

- Recap of last week: God does another miracle of never ending oil through Elisha in order to help a widow save her sons from slavery. (2 Kings 4:1-7) Elisha raises a child from the dead. (2 Kings 4:18-37) Namaan washes in the Jordan River according to Elisha instruction and is cured from his leprosy. (2 Kings 5:1-10) Hazael kills King Ben-Hadad of Syria and takes over for him after Elisha prophesies that he will cause big problems for Israel. (2 Kings 8:7-14)
- Elisha sends a prophet to covertly anoint Jehu the new King of Israel. He tells Jehu that He will use him to destroy the house of Ahab and Jezebel, and avenge all the prophets that Jezebel had killed. (2 Kings 9:1-13)
- Ahazia, King of Judah at the time, went to see the King of Israel named Joram because Joram had been injured in battle. Meanwhile Jehu is approaching. A lookout sees him coming and tells Joram so Joram sends a messenger. Jehu gets the messenger onto his side. The same thing happens again, so Joram finally goes out himself and Ahazia goes with him. (2 Kings 9:14-21)
- They ask Joram if he has come in peace. He answers by killing Joram with an arrow and fatally wounding Ahazia so he would die later. (2 Kings 9:22-29)
- The whole thing happens in the vineyard which had belonged to Naboth which Jezebel had taken away for Ahab by having Naboth falsely accused and murdered. Then he goes and has Jezebel killed in a very bloody way. All this is exactly as God had prophesied – that his family would be punished. (1 Kings 21)
- Things may seem unjust at times. Remember that it is not up to us to judge people and take revenge. That is God's role and His alone. Paul reminded us of this (Romans 12:19) and he was actually reiterating what God had said originally (Deuteronomy 32:35)
- Jehu has some of the leading men of Israel kill as 70 sons of Ahab who could potentially claim the throne. He then kills off all other possible relatives of Ahab. He does this to fulfill God's prophecy. (2 Kings 10:1-17)
- Jehu lures all the prophets of Baal together in one place by pretending he is going to worship Baal. Then he has them all killed. Then he completely demolished the place and turns it into a latrine. (2 Kings 10:18-27)
- Jehu completely destroys all Baal worship in Israel so God rewards him by promising his sons would rule the North for 4 generations. However, he isn't all good - he leaves up the golden calves for people to worship in the North which Jeroboam established as soon as the Kingdom was divided because he didn't want the people going all the way to Jerusalem in the South. (2 Kings 10:28-32)
- Hazael of Syria begins to overpower Israel just as Elisha had foreseen. Jehu dies and is succeeded his son Jehoahaz. (2 Kings 10:33-38)
- In the South, there was a woman named Athaliah who was the daughter of King Ahab from the North (the man who was married to Jezebel). There was a lot of intermarriage between the royal families in the North and South. Athaliah was also the mother of Ahazia, the man who was fatally wounded earlier in today's lesson by Jehu. Anyway, Athaliah is unwilling to let her young son take the throne so she declares herself queen and kills off all the royal family so no one can challenge her. But one son of Ahazia named Joash survives because he is taken away and hidden. (2 Kings 11:1-3) (2 Chronicles 22:10-12)
- When Joash was seven a priest named Jehoida takes Joash under armed guard, anoints him King, and has Athaliah put to death. (2 Kings 11:4-21) (2 Chronicles 23)

- Joash is a good king except that he does not remove the high places where people would burn incense. He does repair the temple and gets mad at the priests for taking money from the people but not performing the repairs. He does not let them collect funds anymore and takes the funds directly and pays the workmen repairing the temple himself. He doesn't use the money for any new materials, he just pays workmen to make repairs which they do very honestly. (2 Kings 12:1-15) (2 Chronicles 24)
- The King of Syria Hazael who had been such a nuisance to the northern Kingdom goes after the South now too. Joash takes all the extraneous gold and silver items that Kings had been accumulating in the temple, uses that to pay Hazael off. It works and he leaves. (2 Kings 12:16-21)

Questions

1. What does God say he is going to have Jehu do when he makes him King?
2. Why does Ahazia go out to meet Jehu?
3. Where does Ahazia and Jehu's meeting take place?
4. Do we take out vengeance on other people ourselves? Why or why not?
5. Why does Jehu kill off all Ahab's family?
6. How does Jehu lure the prophets of Baal?
7. What does Jehu do to the prophets of Baal?
8. How does God reward Jehu?
9. What mistake does Jehu make regarding idol worship?
10. Who is Athaliah and how does she die?
11. Who is Joash and how does he escape?
12. How is Joash made king?
13. How old is Joash when he is made King?
14. What does Joash do to the temple of God?
15. How does Joash get the King of Syria to leave him alone?