

## **Elisha: God's Prophet**

### **Lesson 8: Jehu: It is Finished (2 Kings 9:13-37, 10, and 13:14-21)**

#### **Opening Prayer:**

**Review Lessons 1-7.** Read each of the titles of the previous seven lessons out loud to the group. Have the participants vote for their favorite lesson, telling why.

**Introduce the Lesson:** . When the army commander of the Northern Kingdom, Jehu, was empowered by God to finally bring judgement against Jezebel, Ahab, and the entire family, judgment came hard and fast. God's patience had worn out. Listen as Jehu thoroughly carries out the instructions he is given by Yahweh to eliminate the descendants of Ahab, and turn the throne of the Northern Kingdom over to Jehu's family. Also, don't miss the stunning conclusion of the life of the beloved prophet, Elisha. As you watch the video, write down a favorite quote from this lesson on a card. Be ready to share what you wrote!

#### **Watch Video 8 (26:10)**

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What was your favorite quote from this lesson? Read it and tell why.
2. Was there any satisfaction in finally seeing the destruction of Jezebel, and the house of Ahab? Why or Why not? Why do you think God was so patient with them? Why is he so patient with us?
3. Jehu was God's instrument for judgment. Does he remind you of anyone living right now or in the past?
4. Jehu was not in the royal line. Why do you think the Lord picked Jehu?
5. Why was Jezebel's demise so fitting?
6. If Elijah was representing the Prophet BEFORE Messiah (John the Baptist) Elisha represented Messiah himself. Go over your notes from all of the lessons. How was Elisha like Jesus?
7. Joel was the first of the writing prophets, according to many scholars. Of course, no one really knows the name of the prophet that anointed Jehu. No one knows who wrote the book of Kings. Could it have been Joel? Some suggest Ezekiel or Ezra. The Babylonian Talmud records it was Jeremiah. Where might the information in such detail have come from? Research this topic for fun if you have time. Check out the end of video 8 for more details about the possibility of Joel knowing Elisha!
8. Did any of your thoughts about what a prophet is change after studying Elisha? What changed?
9. What is the thing you will most remember about studying Elisha, the Prophet?

### **Closure and Final Project: (This can be done together as a group or as Home Study)**

When Elisha put his hands over the young King Jehoash's hands, he was symbolically telling Jehoash that God would give him victory over his battles over Syria from here out! One arrow represented a battle victory from Yahweh! What an amazing gift! But when the king was told to strike the floor with the arrows, the king stopped at three!!

If this had been me, with God's prophet in front of me, and the promise of victory, I would have continued to shoot the ground as many times as I could! I want to win my battles, and God was giving the grace and promise to the king to defeat his enemy.

Elisha, of course was disappointed, and chastened the king! Why did you stop?

Let's pick up this anointing that God gave to Jehoash through Elisha! Through the Holy Spirit of God we have the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Take time to write out the battles you are currently facing and present them to the Lord. Don't limit them to just a few. Think big! Ask boldly! Believe for miracles! Let your faith be manifested in the spiritual realm, where ALL things are possible for those of us who ask in the name of Jesus. Activate your faith!

Take some time today to write out the battles you are fighting and put an arrow by each one! Then, symbolically shoot them to the floor of the throne room of God. He has been waiting for you to do just that! Ask anyone who is willing to share one of the arrows that represent a battle you want God to win for you and his kingdom.

Then spend time praying for each other to grow in your faith, and learn to walk in the spirit and power of Elisha... the prophet with a double portion. As last day believers, we have been promised a faith that can move mountains, the ability to do greater miracles, and the answers to prayers asked in the name of Jesus!





