

Clarence Park Baptist Church

Weston-super-Mare



**Question for Week
following sermon 24th Jan 2021**

**Week 2 – Jehu
Reading 2 Kings 9:1-13**

Preparation

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/YF4cCVJPrv0>
2. Read 2 Kings chapters 9 & 10 to gain more of an insight into the whole of the story.

Group Study

- Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new

2 Kings 9:1-13 New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

Jehu anointed king of Israel

9 The prophet Elisha summoned a man from the company of the prophets and said to him, 'Tuck your cloak into your belt, take this flask of olive oil with you and go to Ramoth Gilead. ²When you get there, look for Jehu son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi. Go to him, get him away from his companions and take him into an inner room. ³Then take the flask and pour the oil on his head and declare, "This is what the LORD says: I anoint you king over Israel." Then open the door and run; don't delay!'

⁴So the young prophet went to Ramoth Gilead. ⁵When he arrived, he found the army officers sitting together. 'I have a message for you, commander,' he said.

'For which of us?' asked Jehu.

'For you, commander,' he replied.

⁶Jehu got up and went into the house. Then the prophet poured the oil on Jehu's head and declared, 'This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: "I anoint you king over the LORD's people Israel. ⁷You are to destroy the house of Ahab your master, and I will avenge the blood of my servants the prophets and the blood of all the LORD's servants shed by Jezebel. ⁸The whole house of Ahab will perish. I will cut off from Ahab every last male in Israel – slave or free.^[a] ⁹I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha son of Ahijah. ¹⁰As for Jezebel, dogs will devour her on the plot of ground at Jezreel, and no one will bury her.'" Then he opened the door and ran.

¹¹When Jehu went out to his fellow officers, one of them asked him, 'Is everything all right? Why did this maniac come to you?'

'You know the man and the sort of things he says,' Jehu replied.

¹²'That's not true!' they said. 'Tell us.'

Jehu said, 'Here is what he told me: "This is what the LORD says: I anoint you king over Israel.'"'

¹³They quickly took their cloaks and spread them under him on the bare steps. Then they blew the trumpet and shouted, 'Jehu is king!'

Questions for discussion

Take time to talk through as many of the questions as time allows for your group.

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message and / or chapters? How did the service help you in your journey of faith?
2. Jehu had the responsibility of bringing a reckoning on the house of Ahaz. Why do you think God used Jehu and didn't just find a way to ruin Ahaz's legacy?
3. Is it possible to be used by God but not have an authentic relationship with God? – can you give examples? What is the legacy of these actions?
4. In what ways would Jehu's actions bring God glory?
5. How does worldly success draw us away from God?
6. Can you think of ways God could use people today to both bring retribution for others and glory to himself? *(e.g., attorneys using law degrees to help aid people enslaved in different countries; humanitarian projects that help bring food, water, and education to countries ravaged by civil war; civil rights activists in America, etc.)*
7. What is the legacy that our church will be known by? Are we happy with this? If no how can we change it?
8. What does the account of Jehu teach us about how we need to pray for those in leadership?
9. How can we pray for you this week?

Big Idea of this week's Message:

Jehu would become God's tool for addressing the wickedness of King Ahab's family.

Application Point:

Sometimes God uses us to make amends for actions of the past. At times he will call us to repay goodness and other times we will be the vessel he uses to settle a debt