

2 Kings Chapter 09 Verses 27-37 Bible Study

2Ki 9:27 "But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. And they did so at the going up to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there. 28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulcher with his fathers in the city of David."

When Ahaziah saw what was being done, he also fled for his life. Here is a point to remember: Ahaziah is killed in this affair because he was present. Had he not kept company with this idolatrous family his death would have still happened, but we see that association with sin brings death to us. That is why we are commanded to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. It is why our parents always warned us to be careful of the company we keep. Jehu follows him and commands his men to slay him, which they do. Ahaziah's servants carry him to Jerusalem and bury him. This is a reminder to us: you cannot live an evil life of idolatry, and escape from the judicial judgment of God.

29 "And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah. 30 ¶ And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window. 31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master? 32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. 33 And he said, Throw her down. So, they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot. 34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter. 35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands. 36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel: 37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel."

When Jehu enters Jezreel, Jezebel has already been informed of all that has happened. You would think that Jezebel would have fled for her life, but her heart is so hardened against God that she stands in defiance of God's will and even tries to thwart God's will by seduction. She fixes herself up in her whorish and idolatrous garb, in an attempt to thwart Jehu from his God given task. She looks out the window at Jehu and asks him if Zimri had peace, who slew his master. Jehu's answer is to ask who is with him in accomplishing the will of God? Two or three eunuchs looked out at him and Jehu commands them to throw her out of the window, which they did. Jehu then trod upon her ensuring her death. Throwing her out of the window was a form of stoning her to death, at that time, which was the penalty for having Naboth falsely accused and stoned to death.

He goes into the house, eats, and drinks. He then tells some to go and bury her, because she is the daughter of a king. When they come to her body there is only her skull, her feet, and her hands left. They return and tell Jehu, who tells them that this is the fulfilling of the prophesy of Elijah the prophet of God in **1Ki 21:23 "And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel."** This was done by the word of God so that none could look upon a body and say, that this is Jezebel, and worship her whoredom and idolatry.

Matthew Henry's Commentary: *The greatest delinquent in the house of Ahab was Jezebel: it was she that introduced Baal, slew the Lord's prophets, contrived the murder of Naboth, stirred up her husband first, and then her sons, to do wickedly; a cursed woman she is here called (2Ki 9:34 "And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter."), a curse to the country, and whom all that wished well to their country had a curse for. Three reigns her reign had lasted, but now, at length, her day had come to fall. We read of a false prophetess in the church of Thyatira that is compared to Jezebel, and called by her name (Re 2:20 "Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.), her wickedness the same, seducing God's servants to idolatry, a long space given her to repent (Re 2:21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.) as to Jezebel, and a fearful ruin brought upon her at last (2Ki 9:22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as*

the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many? 23 And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah.), as here upon Jezebel. So that Jezebel's destruction may be looked upon as typical of the destruction of idolaters and persecutors, especially that great whore, that mother of harlots, that hath made herself drunk with the blood of saints and the nations drunk with the wine of her fornications, when God shall put it into the heart of the kings of the earth to hate her, Re 17:5 "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration." And Re 17:16 "And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire." As we consider this summary of Matthew Henry: we realize that it is very important to live a circumspect life before God. We should always be giving testimony of our Saviour and his finished work, each day of our lives. Why? Because the day of judgment is coming, and we see the sad results of living an idolatrous life.

What can we summarize from this chapter? When we read the promises of God in the King James Bible, we can rest assured they will come to pass. Whether the promises be of judicial judgments, or whether they be promises of the blessings of God upon his people. Wherefore, as we see the long span of time from when God told Ahab what was going to happen to his family and how they would be totally destroyed, is no different than the long span of time, since Jesus left this earth and left the promise of his return, at which time all those who Jesus did not save, shall be totally wiped out of the sight of God's people. They will spend an eternity, in the second death, in the eternal lake of fire, with their religious leader Babylon the great whore, of whom Jezebel is a type.

I believe it worthy to note that we have the judicial judgment of God against the kingdom Israel, though divided into two separate kingdoms, they are one nation. Now consider this world in the realm of religion: there are only two churches in the world, one is the church of Jezebel, a picture of Satan, and the other is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. The church of Babylon the great whore has the prophesy of eternal damnation upon her. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ has the promise of eternal life in Christ, in eternity, in the place he has gone to prepare for her. This is a stark reminder: we do not want to be found mingled with the church of idolatry, when Jesus returns to carry his people home, and then carry out God's final judicial judgment upon the great whore. God's people have the promise of the finished work of Jesus Christ, and they will spend eternity in the place that Jesus has gone to prepare for them. So, shall we ever be with the Lord, Hallelujah! Amen!