

Life Lessons from 2 Kings 8-10

Chapter 8

Overview

SHUNAMITE WOMAN & 3 KINGS (BEN-HADAD, JEHORAM, AHAZIAH)

Observations

V1-6 – The Shunamite Woman

Life Lesson #1

THE REWARDS OF SIMPLE OBEDIENCE

* Obeying God's word opens the doors for His blessings to flow through, disobedience closes that door.

V7-15 – Death of Ben-Hadad

* Long Term Memory Test – Why did Elisha go to Damascus? 1 Kings 19:5 – God told Elijah to anoint Hazael

* V10 – How can both be true? He would have recovered, but God knew what Hazael was going to do

V16-24 – Reign of Jehoram (in Judah) (Son of Jehoshaphat)

* V18 – Daughter of Ahab was his wife (Like his father – allied himself w/Ahab by marriage 2 Chron 18:1)

V25-29 – Reign of Ahaziah (in Judah)

* V26 – Mother's name was Ahaliah, the granddaughter of Omri. (Makes her the daughter of who? Ahab!?)

* Remember!!! (When Ahaziah dies, SHE will reign over Judah 2 Kings 11)

Chapter 9

Overview

JEHU: A VESSEL OF VENGEANCE

Observations

* V20 – Life Lesson - Jehu's driving got him a reputation – “for he drives furiously!”

* V21 – Where did they just so happen to meet? Property of Naboth (1 Kings 21) (Years ago/Ahab was King!)

* V30 – Hailey's Bible Handbook

* V31 – Why did Jezebel call Jehu Zimri? (1 Kings 16:9-12 – Zimri killed Elah & house of Baasha)

* V36-37 – Fulfillment of prophecy of 1 Kings 21:23

Life Lesson #2

JUSTICE, VENGEANCE & PEACE

* V7 – That I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets and the blood of all the servants...

* V26 – and I will repay you in this plot (2401c מְשַׁלֵּם (*šālam*) **be in a covenant of peace**).

* How is Peace brought about? Reconciliation or Removal; Unity or Separation

* What does God want?

1 Corinthians 1:3 ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Cor 1:2, Gal 1:3, Eph 1:2, Phil 1:2...)

Romans 16:20 ²⁰And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Chapter 10

Overview

JEHU COMPLETES HIS JOB

Observations

* V10 – Referencing Elijah’s prophecy of God’s word from 1 Kings 21:22

Life Lesson #3 **NOT GOD’S DESIRE!**

1. One Word in Verse 6, 11, 24 – Three Letter Word, Begins with M – Ends with N, E in the Middle – Men

* These are full grown men who are being held accountable for their own choices – Not of Mothers, Fathers

2. V23 – Notice what Jehu says, “Search & See that No servants of /LORD/here, but ONLY worshippers Baal

* God made sure that only those who had rejected Him and followed after foreign gods were there...

Why?

2 Peter 3:9⁹The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

* Just like in the judgments of Noah/Flood, Lot/Sodom & Gomorrah – God made sure that no righteous perished!

That is the heart of God – Ezekiel 18:22 & 33:11 tell us that God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked!