

GOD'S AVENGING AGENT

II Kings 9-10

**We'll seek to examine how God works in mysterious ways
through His avenging agent Jehu.**

I. GOD'S VENGEANCE (9:1-10)

A. HIS PROPHETS

1. Elisha's Ways (1-3)
 - a. Clear: Telling the young prophet exactly what to do
 - b. Committed: Determined to complete God's assignment originally given to Elijah
- See I Kings 19:15-16
2. The Young Prophet's Work (4-10)
 - a. Subordinate (4a)
 - b. Obedient (4-10)
 - c. Obscure - We never know his name or hear of him again

B. HIS PROCLAMATION

1. Strike the house of Ahab (7a)
- Carrying out what Elijah had predicted in I Kings 21:19-29
2. Avenging the blood of His people (7b) - See I Kings 18:4 and 21:1-16
3. Ahab's whole house was to be destroyed (8-9)
4. Jezebel will be eaten by dogs (10)

II. GOD'S AGENT (9:11-10:36)

A. JEHU'S CORONATION (9:11-13)

B. JEHU'S CONSPIRACY (9:14-20)

C. JEHU'S KILLING (9:21-10:25)

1. The Particulars
 - a. King Joram (9:21-26)
 - b. King Ahaziah (9:27-29)
 - c. Queen Jezebel (9:30-37)
 - d. Ahab's sons (10:1-10)
 - e. Ahab's associates in Jezreel (10:11)
 - f. King Ahaziah's relatives (10:12-14)
 - g. Ahab's associates in Samaria (10:15-17)
 - h. Baal worshippers and priests (10:18-25)

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2. The Prophecies

- a. Regarding Joram (9:25-26)
- b. Regarding Jezebel (9:35-36)
- c. Regarding Ahab's sons (10:10)
- d. Regarding Ahab's associates in Samaria (10:17)

D. JEHU'S CONDUCT

1. Commendable

- a. Quickly and decisively taking action (9:14 ff)
- b. Wisely waiting for Joram on Naboth's property (9:21)
- c. Unresponsive to Jezebel's taunts (9:31)
- d. Destroying Baal worship (10:25-28)
- e. Fulfilling God's plan (10:30)

2. Questionable

- a. Unfeeling (9:33-34)
- b. Barbaric (10:7-8)
- c. Proud (10:16)
- d. Deceptive (10:18-19)
- e. Compromising (10:23-24)

3. Condemnable

- a. Over-zealous killing (10:11 and see Hosea 1:4)
- b. Idolatry (10:29)
- c. Incomplete devotion (10:31)
- d. A self-serving opportunist

“He is exactly one of those men we are compelled to recognize, not for what is good or great in themselves, but as instruments for destroying evil, and preparing the way for good.” [Dean Stanley cited by G. Rawlinson in Pulpit Commentary - II Kings, p. 214]

III. GOD'S WAYS

A. HIS DAMNING ATTRIBUTES: What God does

1. The wrath of God
 - See John 3:36, Rom. 1:18 and 12:19; Eph. 5:5-6 and Rev. 14:18-19, 16:1, 19 and 19:15
2. The fire of God
 - Consider Heb. 12:29; Lamentations 2:1-9 and Deut. 4:24 and 9:3

B. HIS DIVERSE ASSOCIATES: Who God uses

1. Faithful prophets like Elisha
2. Fierce rulers like Jehu

CONCLUSION:

We should thank God for the good He accomplishes by what ever means He chooses.