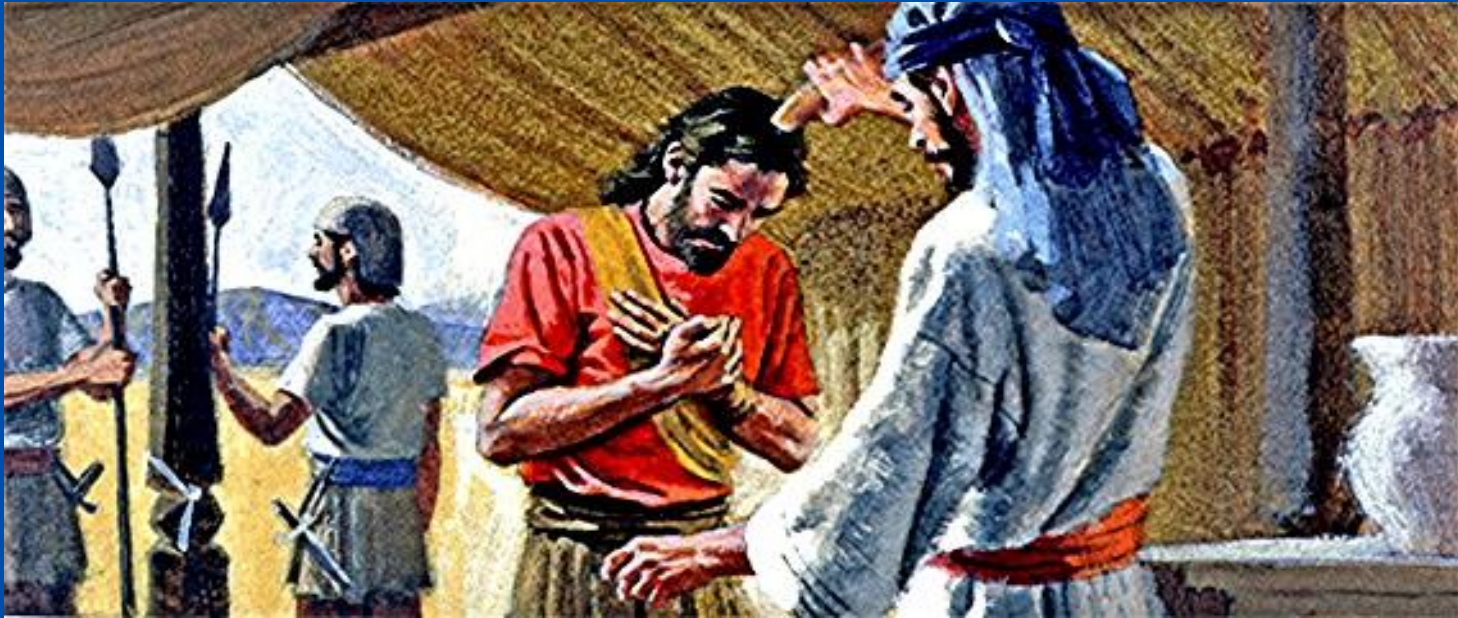


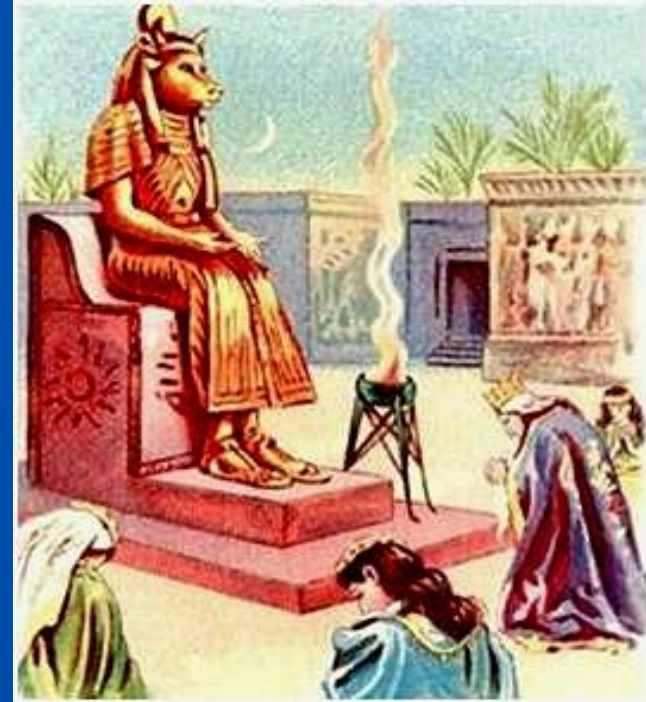
AN APPOINTMENT BY PROXY



- Jehu anointed by anonymous prophet in 840 B.C.
- Elijah told to anoint Jehu, but then the matter fell to Elisha who gave the task to a common guild prophet
- God anointed **Yehu** so that he would 1) destroy the dynasty of **Achav** (Ahab) and 2) rid Israel of Ba'al worship
- Yehu was ambitious, ruthless, and his belief in YHWH was self-serving to give him liberty to live as he wanted to

JEHU ACCEPTS HIS COMMISSION WITH ZEAL

- No reason to think that *Yehu* had a personal problem with Ba'al worship
- Getting rid of Ba'al meant killing Jezebel
- *Achav's* dynasty ruled the northern kingdom, but was connected by marriage to the southern kingdom
- *Yehu* killed *Y'horam*, but King *Achazyah* of Judah managed to escape



THE PROPHETIC CURSE IS FULFILLED

- **Naboth** had a vineyard next to **Achav's** palace
- **Achav** wanted **Naboth's** land and he wouldn't give it to him
- Jezebel arranged for **Naboth** to die
- When **Achav** went to claim the land, **Yehu** and **Bidkar** had gone with him and heard the Prophet's curse pronounced on **Achav**



END TIMES?



BEWARE OF ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT UNFULFILLED END-TIMES PROPHECIES

- Prophetic fulfillment usually doesn't happen like we envision it
- 1) Can be 100% supernatural
- 2) Can happen without the participants realizing it
- 3) Can happen with some awareness and purpose
- Ignore self-styled prophets, writers, pastors and teachers who claim to KNOW how it's all going to unfold
- Otherwise, we might miss it !!

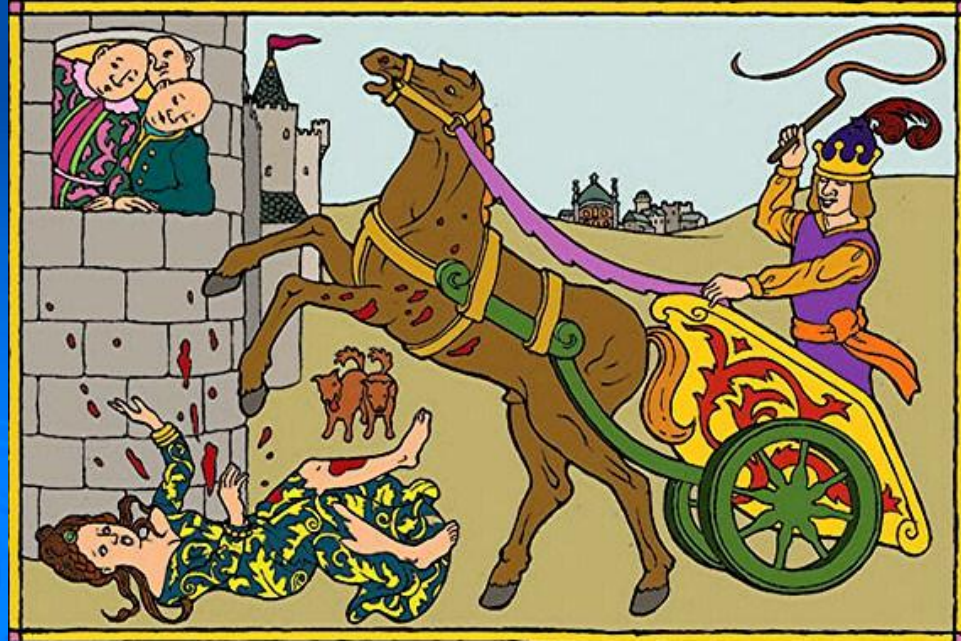
ACHAZYAH'S DEATH

- 2Chron. 22 gives a slightly different account
- **Achazyah** killed a few days after **Y'horam's** assassination
- For a short time, Jehu became king of Israel and Judah
- **Achazyah** was King of Judah for only one year
- Not well accepted because he was of mixed bloodlines
- People living in the capital city often have different viewpoints from the other citizens about their government



GOD BALANCES THE SCALES OF JUSTICE

- Up to now, *Yehu* had done no wrong
- In Jezreel, Jehu confronted Jezebel
- She adorned herself, and looked out the upper window of her residence
- Her bodyguards threw her down and her blood splattered everywhere
- 1st Kings 21:23
- God often uses wicked men to punish those who fight against Him



2ND KINGS 10: JEHU CONSOLIDATES HIS POWER



- *Yehu* was an enigma
- He was an INSTRUMENT of God, but he was not a SERVANT of God
- *Achav* had 70 *ben* (sons) who lived in Samaria
- Means male descendants eligible to take the throne
- 7 = perfect totality
- 10 = order, fullness
- $7 \times 10 = 70 =$ all-inclusiveness

THE LEADING MEN OF SAMARIA KILL ACHAV'S 70 DESCENDANTS

- **Sar** = a general term that can mean prince, ruler, chief, leader
- The **sar** told to choose 1 of the 70, make him king, and then to fight Jehu for the Kingdom
- They surrender, and **Yehu** tells them to behead the 70 as a show of loyalty



JEHU CLAIMS HIS INNOCENCE TO THE PEOPLE



- *Yehu* tells the people that they are righteous and HE is righteous as they didn't kill the 70 sons
- Jehu:
 - 1) Deflected blame
 - 2) Made the sar of Samaria accomplices
 - 3) Showed that he had fulfilled Elijah's prophecy
 - 4) Established himself as Israel's legitimate new King

YEHU* TURNS HIS WRATH UPON THE HOUSE OF *ACHAZYAH

- ***Yehu*** also killed the friends, priests, and all who associated with King ***Y'horam***
- This far exceeded God's command to destroy ***Achav's*** dynasty
- On his way to Samaria Jehu encounters 42 nephews of ***Achazyah***, the deceased King of Judah
- They didn't know of the assassinations
- ***Yehu*** had all of them killed

