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TOPIC: ANOINTING OF JEHU (2 KINGS 9) & THE DEATH OF ELISHA TEXT: 2 KINGS 13: 14 – 25

INTRODUCTION.

We have come to the end of the life of Elisha, but just when you think that there isn't more to story of this double graced prophet, there is actually more. Let dive into to our two outlines and take some key lessons that would do us all a great deal of good.

• OUTLINE 1 : THE ANOINTING OF JEHU.

- 1. Elisha delegated the task of anointing of Jehu to a younger person, one of the sons of the prophets- 2 Kings 9:1-4.**
 - It would have been good for Elisha to have done the honours (great standing with the about to be crowned king). He let go of any personal benefit that could accrue to him. **Phil 2:3-4, 2 Sam 12:28.**
 - He trusted the young prophet and delegated the task. Was the young prophet groomed well ahead of the task? The Young need to be well prepared ahead of future tasks **Matt 25:1-13**
 - Are we giving the youths a chance in the body of Christ and in other spheres? Samuel, Jeremiah are good examples.
 - The young prophet carried out the instruction in complete obedience **V 5-10. 1 Kings 13:26.**
- 2. The world might tag you negatively (Mad Person) when you are carrying out God's assignment V 11.**
 - Those who faithfully deliver God's message to sinners, have in all the ages been treated as Madmen. John the Baptist – **Matt 11:18.**
 - Expect to be disparaged for being a follower of Christ – **John 15:21.**
 - Those who speak with integrity will be abhorred – **Amos 5:11.**
- 3. Divine Appointment V12.**
 - Jehu was not afraid to take on the task because he trusted in the one who sent him. **2 Tim 1:7**
 - God will break protocols for those he appoints- **Esther 4:9-11, 1 Sam 16:13**
- 4. God can elevate you above your peers V 13.**
 - Jehu chosen over the other captains. **Heb 1:9, Dan 6:3**
- 5. Jehu though a soldier of King Joram, chose to obey the King of Kings V 14.**
 - We ought to obey God rather than men. **Acts 5:29, Dan 3:16-18**
- 6. Jehu didn't play solo, he sought the counsel of the other captains V15**
 - In the abundance of counsellors there is safety/victory- **Prov 11:14, Prov 15:22.**
 - Are you an "I know it all person" – **Prov 12:15**
- 7. God can use anyone to fulfil His agenda.**
 - Jehu wasn't an upright person it turns out- **1 Kings 10**
 - Rahab – Joshua 2, Paul , Jacob, you and myself. Go read Cast of Characters (Max Lucado)
- 8. Jehu was prompt in the discharge of the commanded task.**
 - The King's business requires haste – **1 Sam 21:8, 2 Tim 4:2 (be instant), Jam 5:8 (the King is coming soon).**

9. **Being at your duty post can keep you safe and out of harm's way. V27-28**
- David at the place of pleasure instead of war- **2 Sam 11:1.**
 - Dinah at the wrong place – **Gen 34:1-2**
10. **No matter how long, Judgment will come for the wicked. V33**
- The way of the sinner can never be the way of peace – **Isa 57:21**
 - The wicked will not go unpunished – **Isa 13:11, Prov 11:21, Isa 3:11, Matt 25:46**
11. **The heart of the wicked is often hardened that they fail to be repentant. V30-31**
- Day of wrath coming for the hardened of heart- **Rom 2:5, Duet 2:30, Ex 14:8.**

• **OUTLINE 2 : THE DEATH OF ELISHA.**

1. **The Man of God is a man and is not immune to sickness – 2 Kings 13:14. Paul (thorn in the flesh), Timothy – 1 Tim 5:23.**
2. **Elisha lived a long life. Ps 91:16**
3. **Don't take the Man of God as God. V14b**
4. **Look up to God for direction and strength.V16, Ps 144:1, Isa 40:31.**
5. **There is a time to totally crush the enemies of your life. V19/25, 1 Sam 15:9 , 1 Kings 20:34.**
6. **The foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom. V19, 1 Corinthians 1:25**
7. **The dead comes alive at Elisha's sepulchre. V21. Matt 27:52.**
8. **Whilst Elijah was honoured IN his departure, Elisha was honoured AFTER his departure.**

CONCLUSION.

What a great prophet Elisha was. He was used by God to do great and mighty exploits. So, who was greater? A wrong question. They both fulfilled call of God upon their lives, this is all that matters. Let us find below the great deeds the Lord engraced these men to do as we wrap us this study.

S/N	Miracles in the Career of ELIJAH	S/N	Miracles in the Career of ELISHA
1	Causing the rain to cease for 3 1/2 years (1Ki 17:1)	1	Parting of the Jordan (2Ki 2:14)
2	Being fed by the ravens (1Ki 17:4)	2	Healing of the waters (2Ki 2:21)
3	Miracle of the barrel of meal and cruse of oil (1Ki 17:14)	3	Curse of the she-bears (2Ki 2:24)
4	Resurrection of the widow's son (1Ki 17:22)	4	Filling of the valley with water (2Ki 3:17)
5	Calling of fire from heaven on the altar (1Ki 18:38)	5	Deception of the Moabites with the valley of blood (2Ki 3:22)
6	Causing it to rain (1Ki 18:45)	6	Miracle of the vessels of oil (2Ki 4:4)
7	Prophecy that Ahab's sons would all be destroyed (1Ki 21:22)	7	Prophecy that the Shunammite woman would have a son (2Ki 4:16)
8	Prophecy that Jezebel would be eaten by dogs (1Ki 21:23)	8	Resurrection of the Shunammite's son (2Ki 4:34)
9	Prophecy that Ahaziah would die of his illness (2Ki 1:4)	9	Healing of the gourds (2Ki 4:41)
10	Calling fire from heaven upon the first 50 soldiers (2Ki 1:10)	10	Miracle of the bread (2Ki 4:43)
11	Calling fire from heaven upon the second 50 soldiers (2Ki 1:12)	11	Healing of Naaman (2Ki 5:14)
12	Parting of the Jordan (2Ki 2:8)	12	Perception of Gehazi's transgression (2Ki 5:26)
13	Prophecy that Elisha should have a double portion of his spirit (2Ki 2:10)	13	Cursing Gehazi with leprosy (2Ki 5:27)
14	Being caught up to heaven in a whirlwind (2Ki 2:11)	14	Floating of the axe head (2Ki 6:6)
		15	Prophecy of the Syrian battle plans (2Ki 6:9)
		16	Vision of the chariots (2Ki 6:17)
		17	Smiting the Syrian army with blindness (2Ki 6:18)
		18	Restoring the sight of the Syrian army (2Ki 6:20)
		19	Prophecy of the end of the great famine (2Ki 7:1)
		20	Prophecy that the Syrian nobleman would see, but not partake of, the abundance (2Ki 7:2)
		21	Deception of the Syrians with the sound of chariots (2Ki 7:6)
		22	Prophecy of the seven-year famine (2Ki 8:1)
		23	Prophecy of Benhadad's untimely death (2Ki 8:10)
		24	Prophecy of Hazael's cruelty to Israel (2Ki 8:12)
		25	Prophecy that Jehu would smite the house of Ahab (2Ki 9:7)
		26	Prophecy that Joash would smite the Syrians at Aphek (2Ki 13:17)
		27	Prophecy that Joash would smite Syria thrice but not consume it (2Ki 13:19)
		28	Resurrection of the man touched by his bones (2Ki 13:21)