

Elisha: A Great Prophet
Foreign Policy and a Domestic Coup
2 Kings 8:1-9:14

- I. **Famine in the Land:**
 - a. Probably connected to last weeks discussion about he poisoned stew pot famine in Gilgal.
 - b. Elisha is kind.
- II. **The Woman's Appeal**
 - a. Somehow the land had become the property of the King (Jehoram) of Israel.
 - b. The miracle of the raising of her Son continues to pay dividends.
 - c. Probably Gehazi before the Naaman debacle.
- III. **The Intrigue Begins**
 - a. Hazael King over Syria
 - i. Elisha knows because God knows and has revealed it to him. Is Hazael fixed (hardened) and will not relent from his ways?
 - ii. Elisha knows that Hazael has been chosen to punish the sins of Israel but he doesn't have to like it.
 - b. Jehu King over Israel
 - i. Joram is king over Israel
 1. Goes to war with Hazael
 - ii. Jehoram king over Judah and is married to Ahabs daughter.
 1. Not a good king and acts like Ahab.
 2. Lost Edom in the south and Libnah probably due to his weak rule or ineptitude
 3. Dies
 - iii. Ahaziah
 1. Reigns for one year
 2. Son-in-law to Ahab family
 - iv. Both Ahaziah and Joram go to war with Hazael.
 1. Joram is wounded
 - v. Elisha anoints Jehu

1. Jehu assassinates Joram and Ahaziah
2. He slaughters the family of Ahab
3. He slaughters the Baal Prophets
4. After Athnaliah was queen for 6 years finally Joash becomes king in the south.