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They came back and reported to him; and he said, “It is just as the LORd spoke through His servant Elijah the Tishbite: The dogs shall devour the flesh of Jezebel in the field of Jezreel; and the carcass of Jezebel shall be like dung on the ground, in the field of Jezreel, so that none will be able to say: ‘This was Jezebel.’”

10 Ahab had seventy descendants in Samaria. Jehu wrote letters and sent them to Samaria, to the elders and officials of Jezreel and to the guardians of [the children] of Ahab, as follows: “Now, when this letter reaches you—since your master’s sons are with you and you also have chariots and horses, and a fortified city and weapons—select the best and the most suitable of your master’s sons and set him on his father’s throne, and fight for your master’s house.”

But they were overcome by fear, for they thought, “If the two kings could not stand up to him, how can we?”

The steward of the palace and the governor of the city and the elders and the guardians sent this message to Jehu: “We are your subjects, and we shall do whatever you tell us to. We shall not proclaim anyone king; do whatever you like.”

He wrote them a second time: “If you are on my side and are ready to obey me, take the heads of the attendants of your master’s sons and come to me in Jezreel tomorrow at this time.”

Now the princes, seventy in number, were with the notables of the town, who were rearing them.

But when the letter reached them, they took the princes and slaughtered all seventy of them; they put their heads in baskets and sent them to him in Jezreel.

A messenger came and reported to him: “They have brought the heads of the princes.” He said, “Pile them up in two heaps at the entrance of the gate before morning.”

In the morning he went out and stood there; and he said to all the people, “Are you blameless? True, I conspired against my master and killed him; but who struck down all of these?”

Know, then, that nothing that the LORd has spoken concerning the House of Ahab shall remain unfulfilled, for the LORd has done what he announced through His servant Elijah.”

And Jehu struck down all that were left of the House of Ahab in Jezreel—and all his notables, intimates, and priests—till he left him no survivor.

He then set out for Samaria. On the way, when he was at Beth-eked of the shepherds, Jehu came upon the kinsmen of King Ahaziah of Judah. “Who are you?” he asked. They replied, “We are the kinsmen of

\a Emendation yields “of the city.”
\b Targum and Septuagint read “and bring them.”
\c Or “You are blameless.”}