

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **2Kings 9:30-37**.
- B. "Dirty meat that even dogs won't eat" is a fitting description for the death of Jezebel.
- C. Jezebel was one of the most wicked people in all the Bible. What a reputation to have for all eternity; no one it seems, names their daughters Jezebel.
- D. In the text, the head, hands, and feet of Jezebel were not eaten by the dogs. It is bad enough to know that one's flesh was eaten dogs but these body parts were so disgusting that even the dogs would not eat them.

I. OVERVIEW OF 2KINGS, CHAPTER 9.

- A. Let's put the scripture reading in context with the rest of the chapter.
- B. Elisha is God's prophet who sends one of his servants to anoint Jehu as the new king of Israel (read 2Kgs. 9:1-6).
- C. Then the deaths of Joram, Ahaziah, and Jezebel are foretold. Jehu will shed their blood. Notice the prophecy about Jezebel in v10 (read 2Kgs. 9:7-10).
- D. Jehu then makes preparation to meet up with Joram and Ahaziah. There are no terms of peace as far as Jehu is concerned (read 2Kgs. 9:11-20).
- E. Watching "Jehu drive furiously" causes both Joram and Ahaziah to go out and meet Jehu even though the servants sent out to ask for peace have not returned. Jehu shoots and kills Joram. Jehu's men pursue Ahaziah, shoot him, and he dies in Megiddo (read 2Kgs. 9:21-29).
- F. Now with both Joram and Ahaziah dead, only Jezebel remains. She is killed by her own eunuchs throwing her from a high window at the command of Jehu (read 2Kgs. 9:30-37).

II. LESSONS FROM THE HEAD, HANDS, AND FEET.

- A. Three parts of Jezebel's body were left after the dogs were finished with her flesh. It is symbolic and reasonable to see why these were left. On a purely physical note, these body parts have never been desired by cannibals, or flesh eating animals.
- B. But more importantly, these parts of the body represent the most wicked instruments of Jezebel, and so these parts of her body were so wicked (dirty), dogs wouldn't eat them.
- C. The scriptures have much to say about the head, hands, and feet as instruments of wickedness and righteousness.
- D. First, the head:
 - 1. As an instrument of wickedness (the mind):
 - a. People can have a depraved mind (Rom. 1:28).
And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,
 - b. They walk in the futility of their mind (Eph. 4:17).
This I say therefore, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind,
 - c. Some have visions inflated by a fleshly mind (Col. 2:18).
Let no one keep defrauding you of your prize by delighting in self-abasement and the worship of the angels, taking his stand on visions he has seen, inflated without cause by his fleshly mind,
 - 2. As an instrument of righteousness:
 - a. We are to be transformed by "the renewing of your mind" (Rom. 12:2).
And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
 - b. We are to be renewed in the spirit of our minds (Eph. 4:23).
and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

- c. Set your mind on the things above (Col. 3:2).
Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.
- F. Second, the **hands**:
 - 1. As an instrument of wickedness:
 - a. Your hand can offend and cause you to sin (Mt. 5:30).
"And if your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to go into hell."
 - b. Wicked hands caused Jesus to be crucified (Ac. 2:23).
this Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.
 - c. Dirty hands mean a sinful life (Jas. 4:8).
Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
 - 2. As an instrument of righteousness:
 - a. Stop stealing and work with your hands (Eph. 4:28).
Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have something to share with him who has need.
 - b. Lift up holy hands in prayer to God (1Tim. 2:8).
Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.
 - c. We are to "handle" the word of life (1Jn. 1:1; 2Tim. 2:15).
(1Jn 1:1) What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life--
(2Tim 2:15) Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.
- G. Third, the **feet**:
 - 1. As an instrument of wickedness:
 - a. Running to kill (Prov. 1:16).
For their feet run to evil, And they hasten to shed blood.
 - b. Running rapidly into evil (Prov. 6:18).
A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil,
 - c. Destruction and misery follow evil feet (Rom. 3:15).
"THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD,"
 - 2. As an instrument of righteousness:
 - a. Watch the path of your feet, not to the right or to the left (Prov. 4:26-27).
Watch the path of your feet, And all your ways will be established. 27 Do not turn to the right nor to the left; Turn your foot from evil.
 - b. Shod your feet with the gospel of peace (Eph. 6:15).
and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE;
 - c. Beautiful are the feet that preach the good news (Rom. 10:15).
And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!"

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Let us remember the true nature of sin. Jezebel was so sinful that absolutely no respect was paid her after her death (no burial, no tomb w/inscription).
- B. God's retribution against sin is coming--we must be found holy and blameless.
- C. What are you doing with your head, hands, and feet?
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.