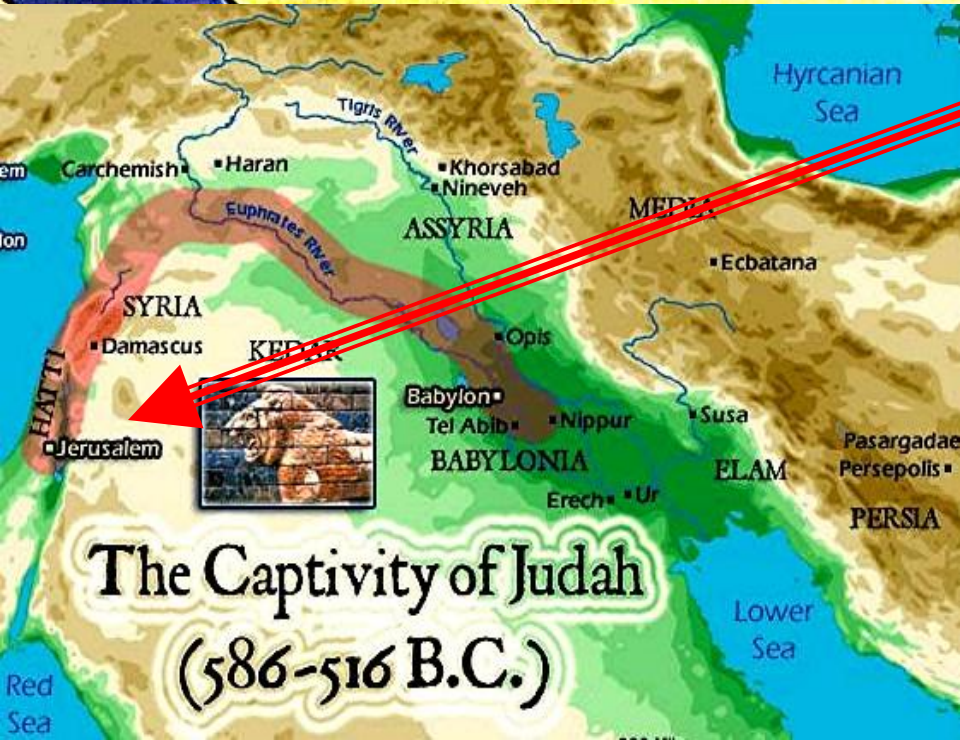


GOD TURNS THE PAGE ON ISRAEL



- King Jehu's destiny was to lead Israel into national judgment
- *Yehu's* reign also set into motion Judah's eventual exile to Babylon
- Judah infected with evil especially upon Athaliah marrying King *Y'horam*
- Israel exiled first, then Judah 130 years later



YEHU TOOK UP HIS DIVINE ASSIGNMENT ENTHUSIASTICALLY



- He was to destroy the House of *Achav*
- House of *Achav* = the House of *Omri*
- *Achav* became more evil than his father *Omri* because of his marriage to Jezebel
- Jezebel NOT a Hebrew
- Athaliah had the ambitions of her mother, but not her mother's abilities

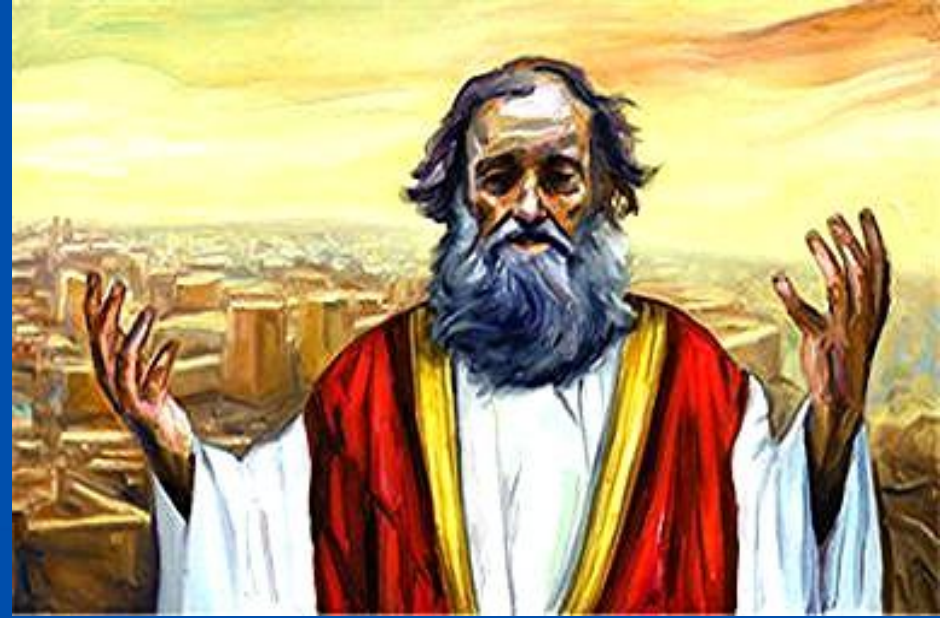
Y'HONADAV THE RECHOBITE



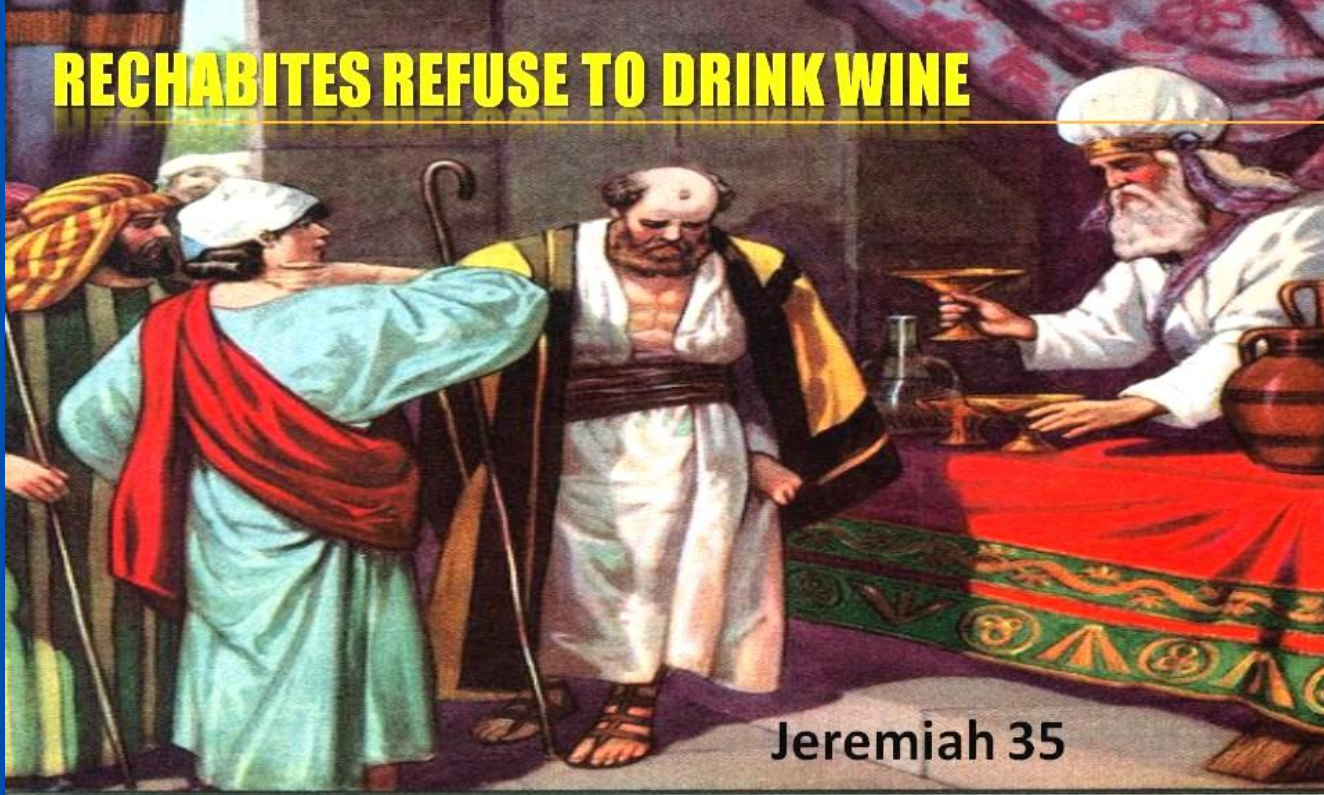
- On the way to Samaria, Jehu encountered 42 nephews of **Achazyah** and killed them
- Resuming his journey, **Yehu** now meets **Y'honadav** son of **Rekhav**
- King Jehu invites Jehonadab onto his chariot to accompany him to **Shomron**
- Purpose was to demonstrate the Kings zeal to rid the land of Ba'al worshippers

JEREMIAH 35

- Jeremiah born in 650 B.C.
- Started to prophesy about 100 years after Israel was exiled to Assyria
- Vss. 18 & 19 God gives great merit to the Rechabites *“because of what Jehonadab did...”*
- 1Chron. 2:55
- Kennites were Moses’ father in law Jethro’s descendants



RECHABITES REFUSE TO DRINK WINE



Jeremiah 35

- *Y'honadav* led his people to adopt the Nazirite vow of abstaining from wine
- The Rechabites decided to adopt a nomad-like life
- Purpose was to keep from being infected both by the Canaanites and the back-sliding Israelites
- Followers of Yeshua ought to see that the Rechabites' manner is one we ought to follow in principle

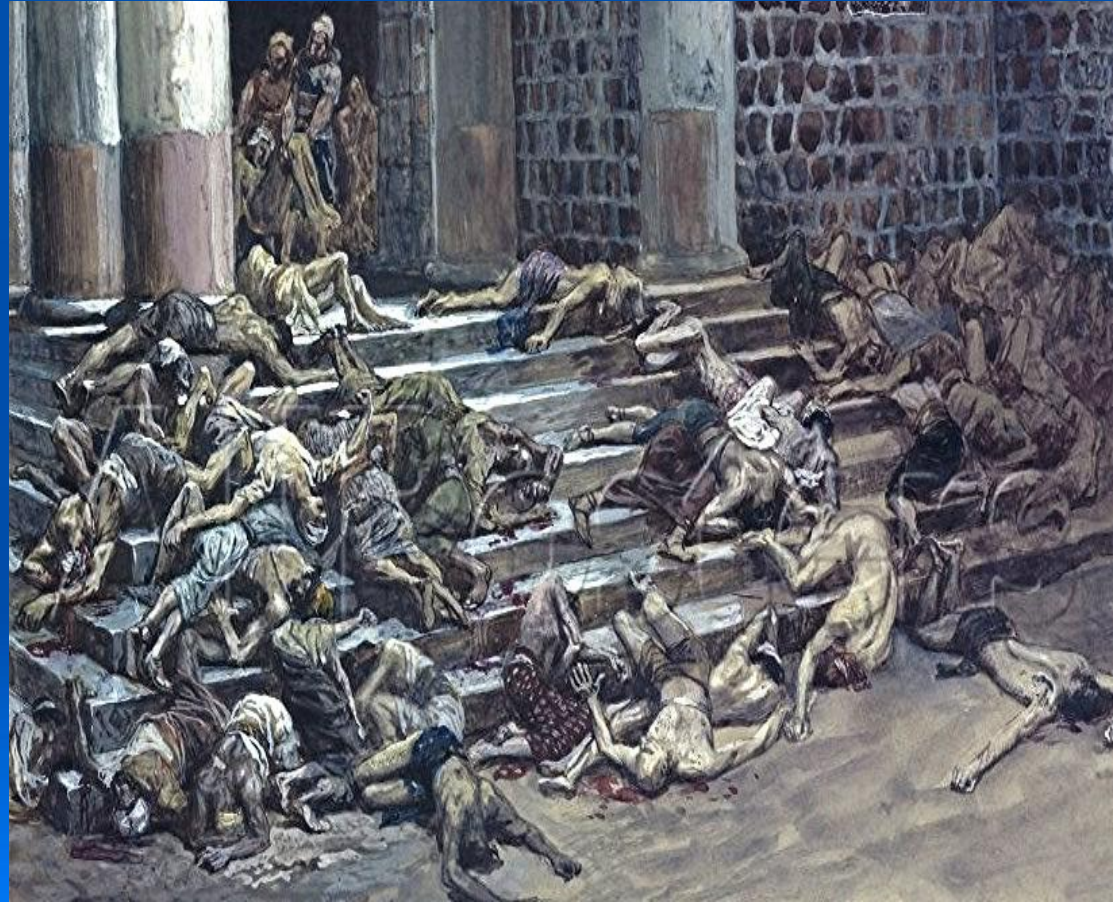
TRAP IS SET FOR BA'AL WORSHIPPERS



- Jehu arrives in Samaria and kills all remaining descendants of *Achav*
- *Yehu* convinces the Ba'al leadership that he is a supporter
- He orders a gala celebration in honor of Ba'al
- Special robes are handed out, and now YHWH worshippers can be easily separated from Ba'al worshippers

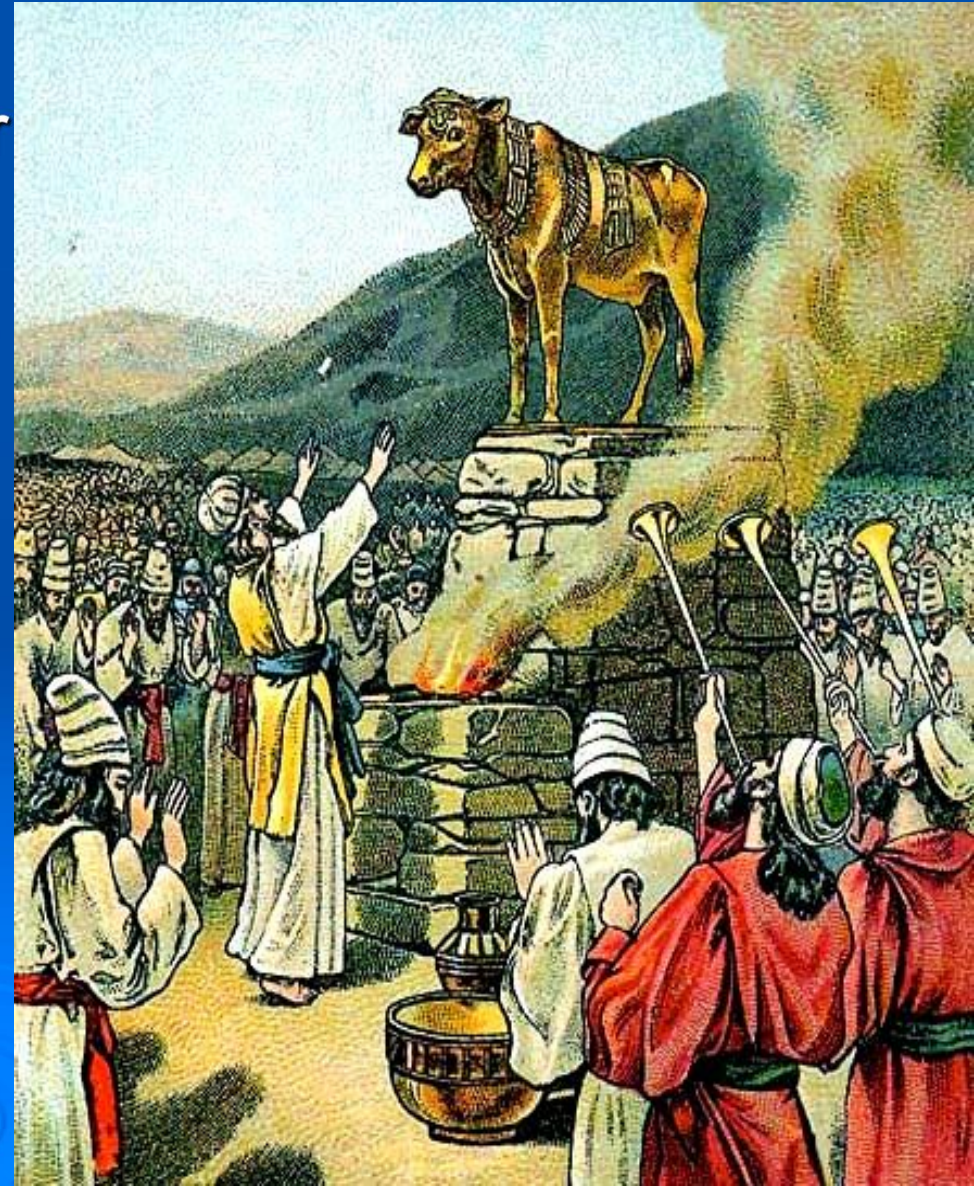
WORSHIPPERS OF BA'AL KILLED

- Once the Ba'al followers were inside their Temple, the trap was sprung
- 80 of Jehu's soldiers went in and killed the Ba'al worshippers
- The Temple was demolished and the area was turned into a public toilet



CALF WORSHIP REINSTITUTED

- Jehu and Israel did NOT repent and resume proper worship of YHWH
- King Yehu returned Israel to Jeroboam's Calf worship
- Golden Calves meant to be symbols of Yehoveh
- Sin was not idolatry according the ancient view, it was a violation of the 2nd Commandment against graven images



DO GOOD DEEDS CANCEL OUT BAD DEEDS?



- Jehu is accused of serious sin because of the Calf worship
- Rabbis say that a good deed is rewarded, a bad deed is punished, and the two don't cancel each other
- God established Jehu's dynasty for 4 generations
- God-Pattern: Achav's dynasty had been 4 generations
- Measure for Measure
- Eye for an eye (Lex Talionis)

GOD IS BEGINNING TO CUT ISRAEL APART

- “Those days” means during *Yehu’s* dynasty of 4 generations
- *Qatsah* = cut off, cut away, or dismember
- 1) Ephraim/Israel would disintegrate and various tribes would be removed over time by the Assyrians
- 2) Ephraim/Israel would cease to exist as part of the land inheritance of the Promised Land
- Jehu dies after ruling for 28 years, and his son *Y’ho’achaz* takes over



2ND KINGS 11



- Athaliah (*Achazyah's* mother) set about to kill all the remaining royal family of Judah!
- This was her own family she was killing, but it also served the purpose of eradicating King David's line
- However an infant child name Joash was hidden by his aunt, the sister of the deceased King *Achazyah*