

ulers of the cite Iesrael, euen vnto the Elders, & to Achabs tutors, sayenge these wordes: Whan this letter commeth vnto you to whom are youre lordes sonnes, charettes, horses, stronge cities, & ordynaunce, loke which is the best and most righteous amonge youre lordes sonnes, & set him vpon his fathers seate, and fighte for youre lordes house.

Nevertheless they were sore afrayed, and sayde: Beholde, two kynges were not able to stonde before him, how wyl we then endure? And they that were ouer the house and ouer the cite, and the Elders and tutors sent vnto Jehu, sayenge: We are thy seruauntes, we wyl do all that thou sayest vnto vs: We wil make no man kyng, do thou what pleaseth the. Then wrote he the seconde letter vnto them with these wordes: If ye be myne, and herken vnto my voyce, then take the heades of the men youre lordes sonnes, and brynge me them comorow by this tyme vnto Iesrael.

B The kynges sonnes were thre score men and ten, and ʒ these men of the cite broughte the vp. Now whan this letter came they toke the kynges sonnes, and slewe them euen thre score men and ten, and layed their heades in basskettes, and sent them to him vnto Iesrael. And whan the messaunger came, & tolde him, and sayde: They haue broughte the heades of the kynges children. he sayde: Laye them vpon two heapes at the doore of the porte tyll comorow.

And on the morow whan he wente forth, he stode, and sayde vnto all the people: Are ye righteous? Beholde, I haue made an apoyntment against my lorde, and slayne him, who hath slayne all these then? Vnderstande ye nowtherfore, that there is not fallen vpon the earth one worde of the LORDE, which he spake agaynst the house of Achab: and the LORDE hath done, euen as he sayde by his seruaunt Elias. So Jehu smote all the remnaunt of the house of Achab at Iesrael, all his greate men, his kynssolkes, and his prestes, tyll there was not one lefte ouer. And he gat him vp, wente his waye, and came to Samaria.

C By the waye there was a shepherdes house, where Jehu founde the brethien of Ochosis kyng of Iuda, and sayde: Whence are ye? They sayde: We are Ochosis brethien, and are goynge downe to salute the kynges children, and the quenes children. he sayde: Take them alyue. And they toke them alyue, and slewe them by the welles syde at the shepherdes house, euen two and forty men,

and let not one of them remayne.

And whan he wente from thence, he folowede Jonadab y sonne of Rechab, which met him, & saluted him. And he sayde vnto him: Is thyne hert righte, as myne hert is with thyne hert? Jonadab sayde: Yee. If it be so (sayde he) then geue me thy hande. And he gaue him his hande. And so he caused him to sit besyde him in the charret, and saide: Come with me, and se my zeale for the LORDE. And they caryed him with him vpon his charret. And whan he came to Samaria, he smote all that remayned of Achab at Samaria, tyll he had destroyed him, accordynge to the worde of the LORDE, which he spake vnto Elias.

And Jehu gathered all the people together, and saide vnto them: Achab did Baal but litle seruyce, Jehu wyl serue him better. Call vnto me nowtherfore all Baals propheetes, all his seruauntes and all his prestes, that there be none wantynge, for I haue a greate sacrifice to do vnto Baal. Who so euer is myssed, shal not lyue. But Jehu dyd it craftely, that he mighte destroye all the mynisters of Baal. And Jehu sayde: Sanctifie ʒ feaste vnto Baal, and proclame it. And Jehu sent in to all Irael, and caused all Baals mynisters to come, so that there was noma lefte behynde, which came not. And they came in to Baals house, so that the house of Baal was full from one comer to another.

Then sayde he vnto him that had the rulle of the vestrye. Brynge forth rayment for all Baals mynisters. And he broughte forth the rayment. And Jehu wente in to Baals house with Jonadab the sonne of Rechab, and sayde vnto Baals mynisters: Search and se that there be not here amonge you eny mynyster of the LORDE, but onely Baals mynisters.



And whan they came in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerynges, Jehu appoynted him foure score men without, & sayde: If eny of these men escape whom I deliuer vnder