

turn it in to me because I would be greatly interested. I don't know of any. But it is important to have in mind this verse, Hosea 1:4. I think that if this interpretation is correct then it is a very fine thing that the the Lord caused this word to be put in here in order that we should not get the idea that the details of Jehu's blood act and the lies which he uttered in the course of his action were in any way commanded of the Lord when the Lord gives him a general commendation for having brought them in to the house of Ahab and to the Baal worship.

Now we won't take time this morning to look at the details of it very closely. This man came to the camp and got Jehu outside and poured the oil over his head and told him that he was anointed king of Israel and that it was the Lord's will that he should avenge this God of the servants, the God of the prophets, at the hand of Jezebel and then he didn't say in verse 8. God said in verse 7 "Thou shalt smite the house of Ahab that I ~~xxx~~ may avenge the blood of my children and the blood of all the servants of the Lord at the hand of Jezebel where the whole house of Ahab shall perish." He doesn't say, "And thou shalt kill the whole house of Ahab." He says, "and the whole house of Ahab shall perish." And the Lord says, "and I will cut off from Ahab every male." The Lord says that He is going to do it. "And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nephthali." And that the dogs shall eat Jezebel. He doesn't tell Jehu to cast Jezebel to the dogs. He says the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door and 82-144
And so there are two elements in this. There is a prediction and there is a command. He is definitely commanded to smite the house of Ahab. God predicts that there will be a complete end to the house of Ahab. That is a part of God's plan. But the extreme motives to which Jehu went are certainly not contained in the direct command of the Lord. So Jehu comes out and ^{speaks} preached to the other soldiers and they evidently right away what was up. That would certainly suggest that this wasn't something brand new. They had been discussing of their dissatisfaction of