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Jehu continued to carry out the charge that the son of the prophet gave to him. Then he came to Jezreel, the home of Jezebel.

30 When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, and she painted her eyes and adorned her head and looked out the window.

31 As Jehu entered the gate, she said, "Is it well, Zimri, your master's murderer?"

32 Then he lifted up his face to the window and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" And two or three officials looked down at him. 33 He said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down, and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall and on the horses, and he trampled her under foot.

34 When he came in, he ate and drank; and he said, "See now to this cursed woman and bury her, for she is a king's daughter."

[1.] v:30, she painted, **What does this picture remind you of?**

[2.] v:30-31, Is it well, Zimri, **Why did Jezebel refer to Jehu by this name? (I Kings 16:9-20)**

[3.] v:32-33, Who is on my side, **What might Jezebel have thought, as her old faithful official's, obeyed Jehu?**

[4.] v:33, and he, **What did Jehu then take the time to do?**

[5.] v:34, When he came in, **How did Jehu first show his grief at Jezebel's death?**

[6.] v:34 again, bury her, **What reason did Jehu give, for ordering Jezebel's burial?**

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35 They went to bury her, but they found nothing more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands.

36 Therefore they returned and told him. And he said, "This is the word of the Lord, which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ' In the property of Jezreel the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel; 37 and the corpse of Jezebel will be as dung on the face of the field in the property of Jezreel, so they cannot say, "This is Jezebel."'"

[7.] v:35, They went to bury her, According to this verse, what was left of Jezebel and what happened to the rest of her?

[8.] v:36-37, they returned and told him, Jehu reminded the burial team, what Elijah's prophecy said would happen. What was it?



Jehu finished the purge of the house of Ahab. Elisha's continued, as the prophet in Israel, through the reigns of Jehu, Jehohaz and into the reign of Jehoash, the kings of Israel. Then he fell sick.

14 When Elisha became sick with the illness of which he was to die, Joash (**Jehoash**) the king of Israel came down to him and wept over him and said, " My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!"

[9.] v:14, My father, Jehoash meant which of the following.

- a) Elisha was his real father and not Jehoahaz.
- b) Jehoash couldn't think of anything else to say.
- c) It was a statement of great respect for a spiritual father.

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15 Elisha said to him, "Take a bow and arrows." So he took a bow and arrows. 16 Then he said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow." And he put his hand on it, then Elisha laid his hands on the king's hands. 17 He said, "Open the window toward the east," and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot!" And he shot. And he said, "The Lord's arrow of victory, even the arrow of victory over Aram; for you will defeat the Arameans at Aphek until you have destroyed them."

18 Then he said, "Take the arrows," and he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground," and he struck it three times and stopped. 19 So the man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have struck five or six times, then you would have struck Aram until you would have destroyed it. But now you shall strike Aram only three times."

20 Elisha died, and they buried him. Now the bands of the Moabites would invade the land in the spring of the year.

[10.] v:14 again, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen! In the study of Elijah, where does one read a similar phrase?

[11.] v:14 again, Question [10.], What was Jehoash implying?

[12.] v:15-17, And he shot, Looking at the map (pg 4), Why might Elisha have directed to Jehoash to shoot toward the East?

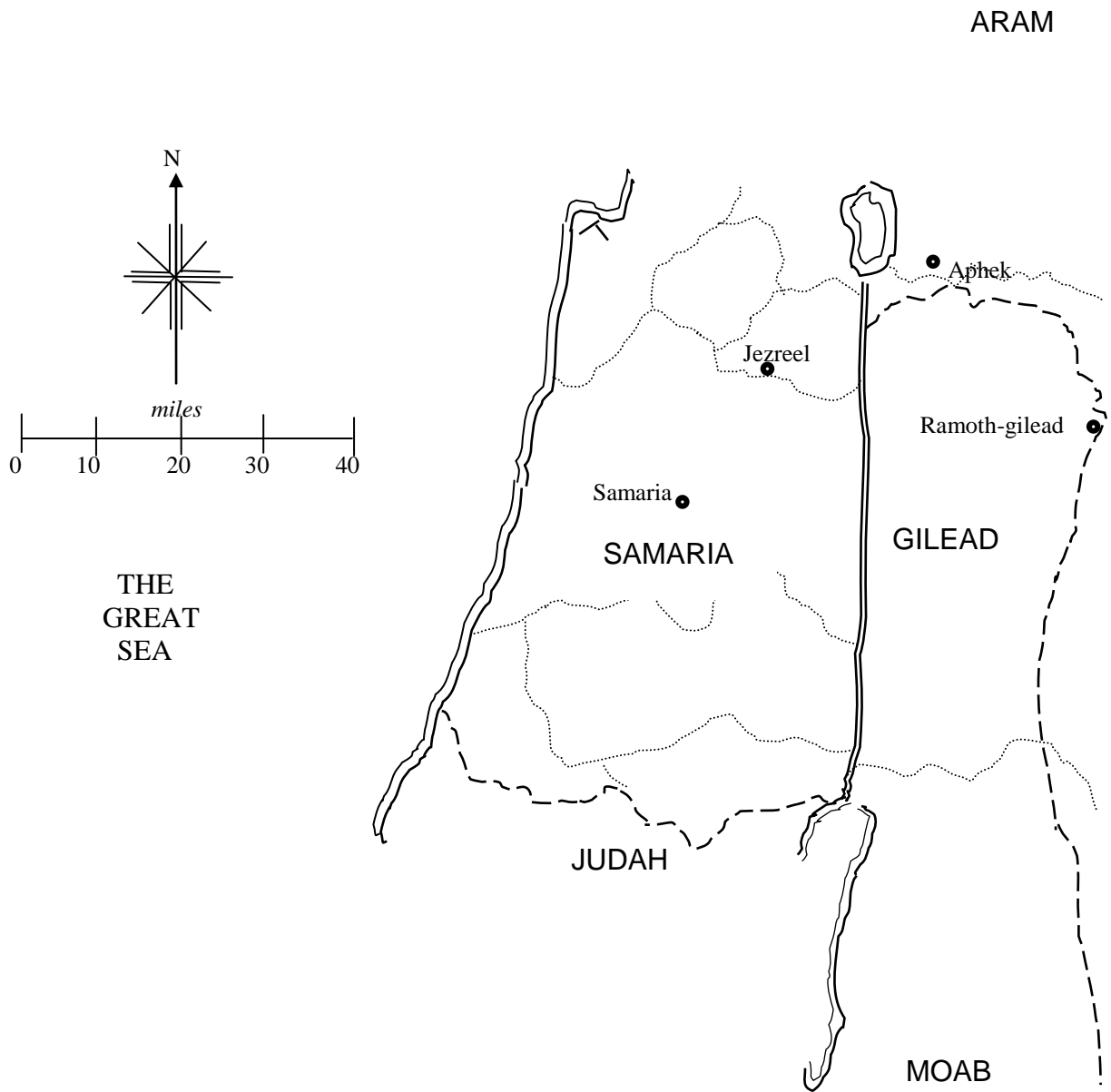
[13.] v:17 again, What was Elisha's prophecy concerning the Arameans?

[14.] v:18-19, Strike the ground, Since five or six strikes would have completely destroyed Aram but, Jehoash only struck three times. What does this predict about Aram?

[15.] v:20, Elisha died, How does this verse prove that Elisha was not taken up like Elijah?

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[16.] v:20 again, bands of the Moabites, What does this say about the safety and security in Israel at this time?

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21 As they were burying a man, behold, they saw a marauding band; and they cast the man into the grave (**cave**) of Elisha. And when the man touched the bones of Elisha he revived and stood up on his feet.

22 Now Hazael king of Aram had oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. 23 But the Lord was gracious to them and had compassion on them and turned to them because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them or cast them from His presence until now.

24 When Hazael king of Aram died, Ben-hadad his son became king in his place. 25 Then Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again from the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities which he had taken in war from the hand of Jehoahaz his father. Three times Joash defeated him and recovered the cities of Israel.

[17.] v:21, Elisha he revived, As the account of the event spread, those that heard probably assumed which of the following?

- a) Elisha was not dead.
- b) Elisha would come back to life when needed.
- c) The Moabites should always fear Elisha.
- d) None of the above.

[18.] v:22-23, not destroy, According to these verses, why didn't the Lord completely destroy Israel?

[19.] v:24-25, took again, What did the Lord take from Ben-hadad and give back to Jehoash.

[20.] v:25 again, According to this verse, Joash (Jehoash) defeated Ben-hadad three times. Referring to II Ki 13:19 what did Elisha predict?

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