

Bye-Bye Baal!

2 Kings 10:18-28

1. _____ all servants of Baal (v. 18-21)
 - a. Using _____ for the gathering
 - i. _____ benefits
 - ii. _____ questions
 1. A _____ signal to the nation
 2. Use of deception to fight _____
 - iii. _____ in the warning
 - b. “ _____ ” response to the call
2. _____ in the House of Baal (v. 22-24a)
 - a. No _____ allowed
 - i. Distribution of _____ of condemnation
 - ii. Determination of only _____ present
 - b. Actual _____ practices begin
 - i. As _____ by Jehonadab son of Rechab
 - ii. Sacrifices and offerings _____
 1. Secret _____ completed
 2. Real _____ with this worship
3. _____ the Worship of Baal (v. 24b-28)
 - a. _____ of execution
 - i. A _____ for a life
 - ii. Let no man _____!
 - b. _____ of execution
 - i. Slaughterhouse becomes a _____
 - ii. Standing-stones become _____
 - c. _____ of execution
 - i. Zeal according to _____
 - ii. Zeal benefitting _____ or Yahweh?

And as if it had been a light thing for [Ahab] to walk in the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, he took for his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal and worshiped him. He erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he built in Samaria.

1 Kings 16:31-32

If you hear in one of your cities, which the LORD your God is giving you to dwell there, that certain worthless fellows have gone out among you and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, then you shall inquire and make search and ask diligently. And behold, if it be true and certain that such an abomination has been done among you, you shall surely put the inhabitants of that city to the sword, devoting it to destruction, all who are in it and its cattle, with the edge of the sword. You shall gather all its spoil into the midst of its open square and burn the city and all its spoil with fire, as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your God. It shall be a heap forever. It shall not be built again. None of the devoted things shall stick to your hand, that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger and show you mercy and have compassion on you and multiply you, as he swore to your fathers.

Deuteronomy 13:12-17

And Elijah said to them, 'Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape.' And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.

1 Kings 18:40

Follow-Up Quote

"... I tend to think that wiping out the Baal cult had more to do with Jehu's zeal for Jehu than his zeal for Yahweh. Now I cannot support that directly from the text – it's a historical hunch. But since Ahab and Jezebel had sponsored the Baal cult, one guesses that Ahab's dynasty likely had numerous supporters in Baal circles. Jehu, then, likely purged the Baal worshippers not because he was so pro-Yahweh as that he was anti-Ahab. Eliminating Baal eliminated Ahab loyalists, dissolved support for Ahab's family, and so would consolidate Jehu's power."

(Dale Ralph Davis, *2 Kings: The Power and the Fury*, 2005, p. 165)