

## ~JEHONADAB 2 (206)

(Je-hon'a-dab) [Yehowah Is Willing, Noble, Generous, Jonadab , Jon'a-dab, shortened form of Jehonadab]

- Son of Rechab, companion of King Jehu. His encounter with Jehu was not accidental, for on **Jehonadab's** own initiative he was coming to meet him, and in turn, he received Jehu's blessing.
- The subsequent events showed that **Jehonadab** was in complete agreement with Jehu's determination to annihilate Baal worship out of Israel. At each proposal made by Jehu, **Jehonadab** quickly responded in the affirmative.
- Is your heart upright with me? Jehu asked. He answered; It is. Do give me your hand, Jehu said, and Jehonadab gave him his hand. Now in Jehu's chariot, Jehonadab was told; Do go along with me and look upon my toleration of no rivalry toward Yehowah, and again he manifested willingness.
- Finally, when they got to Samaria, and all the worshipers of Baal were assembled, **Jehonadab** did not turn back but accompanied Jehu into the house of Baal and remained by his side during the slaughter that followed. At the same time Jehu demonstrated his complete trust and confidence in **Jehonadab**.
- As he was going along from there he got to encounter **Jehonadab** the son of Rechab coming to meet him. When he blessed him, he accordingly said to him; Is your heart upright with me, just as my own heart is with your heart? To this Jehonadab said; It is. If it is, do give me your hand. So he gave him his hand. At that he made him get up into the chariot with him. (2 Kings 10:15)
- Then he said; Do go along with me and look upon my toleration of no rivalry toward Yehowah. And they kept him riding with him in his war chariot. (2 Kings 10:16)
- Finally he came to Samaria. Now he went striking down all who were left over of Ahab's in Samaria, until he had annihilated them, according to Yehowah's word that he had spoken to Elijah. (2 Kings 10:17)
- Further, Jehu collected all the people together and said to them;

**Ahab, on the one hand, worshiped Baal a little. Jehu, on the other hand, will worship him a great deal. (2 Kings 10:18)**

- **So now call all the prophets of Baal, all his worshipers and all his priests to me. Do not let a single one be missing, because I have a great sacrifice for Baal. Anyone that is missing will not keep living. As for Jehu, he acted slyly, for the purpose of destroying the worshipers of Baal. (2 Kings 10:19)**
- **And Jehu went on to say; Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal. Accordingly they proclaimed it. (2 Kings 10:20)**
- **After that Jehu sent through all Israel, so that all the worshipers of Baal came in. And not a single one was left over that did not come in. And they kept coming into the house of Baal, and the house of Baal came to be full from end to end. (2 Kings 10:21)**
- **He now said to the one who was over the wardrobe; Bring out garments for all the worshipers of Baal. So he brought the attire out for them. (2 Kings 10:22)**
- **Then Jehu entered with **Jehonadab** the son of Rechab into the house of Baal. He now said to the worshipers of Baal; Search carefully and see that there may be here with you none of the worshipers of Yehowah, but only the worshipers of Baal. (2 Kings 10:23)**
- **Finally they came in to render up sacrifices and burnt offerings, and Jehu himself stationed eighty men outside at his disposal and went on to say; As for the man that escapes from the men whom I am bringing into your hands, the ones soul will go for the others soul. (2 Kings 10:24)**
- **And it came about that as soon as he finished rendering up the burnt offering, Jehu immediately said to the runners and the adjutants; Come in, strike them down! Do not let a single one go out. And the runners and the adjutants began to strike them down with the edge of the sword and to throw them out, and they kept going as far as the city of the house of Baal. (2 Kings 10:25)**
- **Then they brought out the sacred pillars of the house of Baal and burned each one. (2 Kings 10:26)**

- Further, they pulled down the sacred pillar of Baal and pulled down the house of Baal, and they kept it set aside for privies down to this day. (**2 Kings 10:27**)
- Thus Jehu annihilated Baal out of Israel. (**2 Kings 10:28**)
- Nearly 300 years later, **Jehonadab's** descendants, the Rechabites, were used by Jeremiah at Yehowah's direction as an example of faithfulness to their forefathers commands, in contrast with the disobedience to God displayed by the people of Judah and Jerusalem. Jehonadab had instructed the Rechabites to live in tents, sow no seed, plant no vineyards, and take no wine.
- When Jeremiah offered them wine, they refused, referring back to the commandment of their ancestor **Jehonadab**. For such faithfulness Yehowah promised;
- The word that occurred to Jeremiah from Yehowah in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah, saying; (**Jeremiah 35:1**)
- Go to the house of the Rechabites, and you must speak with them and bring them into the house of Yehowah, to one of the dining rooms, and you must give them wine to drink. (**Jeremiah 35:2**)
- So I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah the son of Habazziniah and his brothers, and all his sons, and all the household of the Rechabites. (**Jeremiah 35:3**)
- And I proceeded to bring them into the house of Yehowah, to the dining room of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, a man of the true God, which was beside the dining room of the princes that was above the dining room of Maaseiah the son of Shallum the doorkeeper. (**Jeremiah 35:4**)
- Then I put before the sons of the house of the Rechabites cups full of wine and goblets and said to them; Drink wine. (**Jeremiah 35:5**)
- But they said; We shall drink no wine, because **Jonadab** the son of Rechab, our forefather, was the one that laid the command upon us, saying; You must drink no wine, neither you nor your sons, to time indefinite. (**Jeremiah 35:6**)

- **And no house must you build, and no seed must you sow, and no vineyard must you plant, nor must it come to be yours. But in tents you should dwell all your days, in order, that you may keep living many days upon the surface of the ground where you are residing as aliens. (Jeremiah 35:7)**
- **So we keep obeying the voice of Jehonadab the son of Rechab our forefather in everything that he commanded us by drinking no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons and our daughters. (Jeremiah 35:8)**
- **And by not building houses for us to dwell in, so that no vineyard or field or seed should become ours. (Jeremiah 35:9)**
- **And we keep dwelling in tents and obeying and doing according to all that Jonadab our forefather commanded us. (Jeremiah 35:10)**
- **But it came about when Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon came up against the land that we began to say; Come, and let us enter into Jerusalem because of the military force of the Chaldeans and because of the military force of the Syrians, and let us dwell in Jerusalem. (Jeremiah 35:11)**
- **And the word of Yehowah proceeded to occur to Jeremiah, saying; (Jeremiah 35:12)**
- **This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Go, and you must say to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; Did you not continually receive exhortation to obey my words? Is the utterance of Yehowah. (Jeremiah 35:13)**
- **There has been a carrying out of the words of Jehonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons, to drink no wine, and they have drunk none down to this day, because they have obeyed the commandment of their forefather. And as for me, I have spoken to you men, rising up early and speaking, but you have not obeyed me. (Jeremiah 35:14)**
- **And I kept sending to you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying; Turn back, please, each one from his bad way, and make your dealings good, and do not walk after other gods to serve them. And keep dwelling on the ground**

that I have given to you and to your forefathers. But you did not incline your ear, nor did you listen to me. (**Jeremiah 35:15**)

- But the sons of **Jehonadab** the son of Rechab have carried out the commandment of their forefather that he commanded them, but as for this people, they have not listened to me. (**Jeremiah 35:16**)
- Therefore this is what Yehowah, the God of armies, the God of Israel, has said; Here I am bringing upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the calamity that I have spoken against them, for the reason that I have spoken to them but they did not listen, and I kept calling to them but they did not answer. (**Jeremiah 35:17**)
- And to the household of the Rechabites Jeremiah said; This is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; For the reason that you have obeyed the commandment of **Jehonadab** your forefather and continue keeping all his commandments and doing according to all that he commanded you. (**Jeremiah 35:18**)
- Therefore this is what Yehowah of armies, the God of Israel, has said; There will not be cut off from Jonadab the son of Rechab a man to stand before me always. (**Jeremiah 35:19**)