

# 2 Kings 9:37

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 9: Divine judgment executed on Ahab's house. During this period, Israel and Judah struggled with persistent idolatry, particularly Baal worship introduced under Ahab and Jezebel.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

## Historical Context

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**Historical Setting:** 2 Kings 9 takes place during Jehu's dynasty and the violent purge of Baal worship, around 841 BCE. The chapter's theme (Jehu's Violent Revolution) reflects the historical reality of violent political revolution motivated by zeal for Yahweh but lacking genuine heart transformation. Archaeological evidence from this period includes royal inscriptions, administrative documents, and material culture that corroborate the biblical account while providing additional context for understanding the political and social dynamics at work.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 9 regarding divine judgment executed on ahab's house?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's character, particularly His justice, mercy, and faithfulness to covenant promises?
3. In what practical ways should this text shape contemporary Christian thinking about faithfulness, worship, and obedience to God?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהִיָּתָּ H1961	נִבְלָתָהּ H5038	אֵיזָבֶל: H348	כְּדָמָן H1828	עַל H5921	פָּנָיו H6440
	And the carcase	This is Jezebel	shall be as dung		upon the face
הַשָּׂדֶה H7704	בְּחֵלֶק H2506	יִזְרְעֵל H3157	אֲשֶׁר H834	לֹא H3808	יֹאמְרוּ H559
of the field	in the portion	of Jezreel			so that they shall not say
זֶה H2063	אֵיזָבֶל: H348				
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 8:2** (Parallel theme): And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.

**Psalms 83:10** (Parallel theme): Which perished at En-dor: they became as dung for the earth.

**Jeremiah 16:4** (Parallel theme): They shall die of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented; neither shall they be buried; but they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcases shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.

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