

there still here elements in the prediction which surpass any ~~mere~~ mere human attempt to carry it out. And, of course, it wasn't Jehu who had made it anyway. It came through Elijah, and now Jehu carries it out.

(Question) The Lord said that it was going to happen. He didn't say how He was going to do it. Jehu proceeded to do the thing that God says was going to happen. You remember that David had been anointed to be king and David, the Lord said, was going to be the ruler of Israel; but David didn't lift a hand to make himself king. David waited until the tribes came down and got him and made him king. David took that as the thing that the Lord had promised and that the Lord was going to fulfill and he left it in the Lord's hand to carry it out. There are some things that the Lord wants us to carry out. There are other things that we can well leave in His hands. Now in this case if He had commanded Jehu to destroy, then ~~if~~ of course, it would be definitely Jehu's duty to do it. But when He simply predicts that it is going to happen, Jehu might ponder the question-- is it my duty to do it or ~~is it~~ is God going to cause it to come to pass in some other way. But the Lord is definitely determined that it is going to happen.

(Question) Well, I don't see quite that. The Lord knew Jehu was going to do it. The Lord commanded Jehu to smite the house of Ahab. The Lord predicted what the end was. It would have been that way whether Jehu did it or not. Jehu's part was to smite them. Now as to how much beyond that he should go other things would enter in. If there is no reason against it then it might be very well be the thing for him to go just as far as possible in carrying out the things that God says are going to happen. But I don't think you can draw a direct command for all this motive in this declaration.

(Question) Of the interpretation which seems to me to accept the ~~true~~ two statements as part of God's Word. It is true that verse 30 is rather strongly stated. And being rather strongly stated like this, if you didn't have the verse in Hosea, one might hesitate about such an interpretation. As it is, I don't know