

2 Chronicles 19:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse is part of the narrative of Judah's kings, specifically addressing Establishing righteous judgment throughout the land. The Chronicler's theological perspective emphasizes immediate divine retribution—kings who seek God prosper, while those who forsake Him face judgment. This pattern provides instruction for the post-exilic community on the conditions for God's blessing.

The account demonstrates God's covenant faithfulness despite human unfaithfulness. Even in judgment, God preserves a remnant and offers restoration through repentance. The repeated cycle of apostasy, judgment, and restoration reveals both human sinfulness and divine mercy. References to the temple, proper worship, and priestly service emphasize the Chronicler's concern for correct religious observance.

Theologically, these accounts point beyond immediate history to God's ultimate purposes through the Davidic line. Despite repeated failures, God preserves David's dynasty, anticipating the perfect King who will reign in righteousness. The pattern of judgment for sin and restoration through repentance prefigures the gospel message of salvation through Christ.

Historical Context

This passage occurs during the divided monarchy period when Judah existed separately from northern Israel. The Chronicler writes from a post-exilic perspective, addressing the restored community in Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile (539 BCE onward). His emphasis on temple worship, proper religious observance, and God's covenant faithfulness speaks directly to the needs of his audience who had just rebuilt the temple and were reestablishing their identity as God's people.

The historical context demonstrates both God's judgment on persistent sin and His readiness to restore those who genuinely repent. The Chronicler omits most northern kingdom material, focusing on Judah and the Davidic line to emphasize God's faithfulness to His covenant promises. Archaeological discoveries from sites like Lachish, Beersheba, and Jerusalem corroborate the biblical accounts of various kings' reigns and building projects.

Understanding the Chronicler's post-exilic perspective is crucial—he's not merely recording history but applying past lessons to his contemporary audience, showing that the same principles of seeking God, maintaining proper worship, and covenant faithfulness that determined blessing or judgment in the past still apply.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does this verse illustrate the principle of divine retribution (blessing for obedience, judgment for sin)?
2. What specific applications does this passage have for maintaining spiritual faithfulness in contemporary Christian life?
3. How does this account point to God's ultimate purposes through the Davidic line and the coming Messiah?

Interlinear Text

וְכָל	רִיב	אֲשֶׁר	יָבֹא	עֲלֵיכֶם	
H3605	And what cause	H834	soever shall come	H5921	
	H7379		H935		
	אֲחֵיכֶם	הַיֹּשְׁבִים	בְּעָרֵיהֶם	בֵּין	לְדָם
	come upon you and upon your brethren	that dwell	in their cities	H996	and blood
	H251	H3427	H5892		H1818
וְלִמְשָׁפְטִים	לְחֻקֵּי	לְמִצְוָה	תּוֹכָהּ	בֵּין	לְדָם
and judgments	statutes	and commandment	between law	H996	and blood
H4941	H2706	H4687	H8451		H1818
לִיהוָה	תִּגְשָׁמוּ:	וְלֹא	אֶתְּ	וְהִזְהַרְתֶּם	
not against the LORD	and ye shall not trespass			ye shall even warn	
H3068	H816	H3808	H853	H2094	
כֹּה	אֲחֵיכֶם	וְעַל	עֲלֵיכֶם	קֶצֶף	וְהִיא
this	come upon you and upon your brethren			and so wrath	
H3541	H251	H5921	H5921	H7110	H1961
	תִּגְשָׁמוּ:	וְלֹא	תַעֲשׂוּ	וְ	
	and ye shall not trespass		do		
	H816		H3808		H6213

