

# 2 Chronicles 26:10

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 Prosperity leading to pride and presumption. 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

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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

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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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

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גַּבְרִים	בְּרִית	וְתִּחְזֶב	בְּמִדְבָּר	מִגְדָּלִים	יְהִי
Also he built	towers	in the desert	and digged	wells	for he had much
H1129	H4026	H4057	H2672	H953	H7227
לְזַהֲרֵל הַ	לְזַהֲרֵל הַ	כְּבָ	מִלְגָה כְּ	וּבְשָׁפֵל הַ	
H3588 cattle	for he had much	H1961	H0	both in the low country	H8219
H4735	H7227				
בְּבָרִים					
וּכְרָמִים יְמִים	אֶקְרָם יְמִים	וּכְרָמִים יְמִים			
and in the plains	husbandmen	also and vine dressers	in the mountains		
H4334	H406	H3755	H2022		
קִיהְיָה אֶדְמָה הַ	אֶדְמָה הַ	אֶדְמָה הַ	קִיהְיָה אֶדְמָה הַ		
and in Carmel	H3588 for he loved	H127 husbandry	H1961		
H3760					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 29:17** (Parallel theme): Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?