

2 Chronicles 33:8

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 God's mercy even to the worst sinner who truly repents. 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

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

מַעַל	וְשָׁבָא	לְ	כִּי	גָּל	אֶת	לְפָסִיר	אָסָּיֶךְ	וְלֹא
H5921	H3478	H7272	H7272	H853	H5493	H3808	Neither will I any more	H3254
אֶמְתָּה	לְאַבּוֹתֶיךָ	מִ	כִּי	לְאַבּוֹתֶיךָ	מִ	אֶמְתָּה	לְאַבּוֹתֶיךָ	מִ
H518	H7535	H1	H1	H834	H5975	H834	so that	H127
צִוְּתִים	אֲשֶׁר	רְכִבָּתִים	אֲשֶׁר	רְכִבָּתִים	אֲשֶׁר	רְכִבָּתִים	אֲשֶׁר	רְכִבָּתִים
H6680	H834	H5975	H834	H5975	H834	H834	all that I have commanded	H8104
וְשִׁמְרָה	וְתַּעֲשֶׂה	וְתַּעֲשֶׂה	וְתַּעֲשֶׂה	וְתַּעֲשֶׂה	וְתַּעֲשֶׂה	וְתַּעֲשֶׂה	וְתַּעֲשֶׂה	וְתַּעֲשֶׂה
H8104	H6213	H853	H3605	H834	H834	H834	to do	H834
לְכָל	הַתּוֹךְ	הַתּוֹךְ	לְכָל	אֲשֶׁר	רְכִבָּתִים	אֲשֶׁר	רְכִבָּתִים	אֲשֶׁר
H3605	H8451	H2706	H2706	H4941	H4941	H4941	them according to the whole law	H3605
מִשְׁׁהָ	בְּ יַד	וְפָרָקִים	וְפָרָקִים	וְפָרָקִים	וְפָרָקִים	וְפָרָקִים	and the statutes	H4872
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Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 7:10 (References Israel): Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move

no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

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