

2 Kings 1:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 1: Divine judgment on apostasy and affirmation of prophetic authority. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. The prophetic ministry served as God's primary means of covenant enforcement, calling both kings and people to faithfulness. 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

Historical Setting: 2 Kings 1 takes place during the mid-9th century BCE, around 850 BCE, during the transition from Elijah to Elisha. The chapter's theme (Ahaziah's Illness and Elijah's Final Confrontations) reflects the historical reality of prophetic succession and divine affirmation of Elisha's ministry following Elijah's remarkable translation. 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

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 1 regarding divine judgment on apostasy and affirmation of prophetic authority?
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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| וְיָנוּחַ | דְּבַר יְיָ | אֲחִיָּזָה הוּא | אֲשֶׁר | עָשָׂה | הַלּוֹא | הַמֶּלֶךְ |
| Now the rest | of the acts | of Ahaziah | H834 | which he did | H3808 | H1992 |
| H3499 | H1697 | H274 | | H6213 | | |
| כְּתוּבֵי יָם | עַל | סֵפֶר | דְּבַר יְיָ | הַיָּמִים | לְמַלְכֵי | |
| are they not written | H5921 | in the book | of the acts | H3117 | of the kings | |
| H3789 | | H5612 | H1697 | | H4428 | |
| יִשְׂרָאֵל: | | | | | | |
| of Israel | | | | | | |
| H3478 | | | | | | |