

2 Kings 10:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 10: Zeal for God without heart transformation. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. 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 10 takes place during Jehu's dynasty and the violent purge of Baal worship, around 841 BCE. The chapter's theme (Jehu's Purge Continues) reflects the historical reality of violent political revolution motivated by zeal for Yahweh but lacking genuine heart transformation. 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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 10 regarding zeal for god without heart transformation?
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

יהוּדָה	הַ	לְךָ	אַחֲרֵי	הַ	יְהוּדָה
of Judah			of Ahaziah		
Jehu	met	H853	We are the brethren		king
H3058	H4672		H251		H4428

יְאָמַר	אַתָּה	מִ	אַתָּה	מִ	יְאָמַר
Who are ye	And they answered		Who are ye	And they answered	
	H559			H559	

אַתָּה	אַתָּה	אַתָּה	וְ	לְשָׁלָום
We are the brethren	of Ahaziah	H587	and we go down	to salute
H251	H274		H3381	H7965

וּבָנָיו	בָּנָיו	בָּנָיו	בָּנָיְהָ
and the children	king	and the children	of the queen
H1121	H4428	H1121	H1377

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 8:29 (Kingdom): And king Joram went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

2 Kings 8:24 (Kingdom): And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

2 Chronicles 21:17 (Kingdom): And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

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