

2 Kings 10:14

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. 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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

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

וַיֹּאמֶר	וַתִּקְּחוּ	וְאֹתָם	וַתִּקְּחוּ	וְאֹתָם	וַיַּשְׁחֲטוּ
And he said	And they took	them alive	And they took	them alive	and slew
H559	H8610	H2416	H8610	H2416	H7819
אֵלָיו	בְּיָדָם	בֵּית	עַל קֶדֶשׁ	אַרְבָּעִים	וּשְׁנָיִם
H413	them at the pit	H0	of the shearing house	and forty	even two
	H953		H1044	H705	H8147
וְלֹא	הִשָּׁאֵר	אֵי	מֵהֶם:		
H3808	neither left	he any	H1992		
	H7604	H376			