

# 2 Kings 10:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them.**

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

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**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

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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

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וַיֹּאמֶר	וַיִּתְפַּשׁ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ
And he said	And they took	them alive	And they took	them alive	and slew			
H559	H8610	H2416	H8610	H2416	H7819			
אֶל	בַּיִת	בְּ	עַל	אֶת	אֶת	וְ	וְ	וְ
H413	them at the pit	H953	H0	H1044	H705	even two	he any	
נִלְאָ	הַשְּׁאֵר	אֵשׁ	מִקְרָם:					
H3808	neither left	H7604	H1992	H376				