

2 Kings 10:15

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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

מִשָּׁם H1980	וַיִּלְךָ H8033	וַיִּמָּצֵא H4672	אֶת H853	יְהוֹנָדָב H3082	בֶּן H1121	רֵכָב H7394
		thence he lighted		And Jehonadab	the son	of Rechab
לִקְרֹאת H7125	וַיְבָרֶכֶת H1288	הוּא H1288	וַיֹּאמֶר H559	אֵלַי H413	אֵת H853	לִבִּי H3824
coming to meet	him and he saluted		answered	It is		as my heart
יָשָׁר H3477	כְּאֵשׁ H834	לִבִּי H3824	עִם H5973	לִבִּי H3824	וַיֹּאמֶר H559	יְהוֹנָדָב H3082
right	as my heart	as my heart	answered	And Jehonadab		
וַיֵּן H3426	וַיֵּן H3426	וַתֵּן H5414	אֶת H853	יָדוֹ H3027	וַתֵּן H5414	יָדוֹ H3027
It is	It is	And he gave	him his hand	And he gave	him his hand	
וַיֵּלֶךְ H5927	אֵלָיו H413	אֵלָיו H413	הַמְרִכָבָה H4818			
and he took him up	to him	to him	into the chariot			

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 2:55 (Parallel theme): And the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites that came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

Ezekiel 17:18 (Parallel theme): Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these things, he shall not escape.

Ezra 10:19 (Parallel theme): And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their trespass.

Galatians 4:12 (Parallel theme): Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are: ye have not injured me at all.

