

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

רְכָב	בְּ	יְהוֹנָדָב	בְּ	אֶת	מִשְׁמָרָה	וְ	לְגַת
H7394	H1121	H3082	H853	H4672	H8033	H1980	
of Rechab	the son	And Jehonadab	thence he lighted	it was	thence he lighted		
לְבָבָךְ	בְּ	אֶת	יְהוֹנָדָב	וְ	אָמַר	לְקַבָּאת	וְ
as my heart	H3824	H3426	H559	H413	H1288	coming to meet	H7125
						him and he saluted	
לְבָבָךְ	בְּ	אֶת	יְהוֹנָדָב	וְ	אָמַר	לְבָבָךְ	וְ
as my heart	H3824	H5973	H3824	H559	H413	answered	H559
right	H834	as my heart	as my heart	answered	It is	as my heart	right
H3477		H3824		H559	H853	H3426	H3477
וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ
It is	It is	And he gave	him his hand	And he gave	him his hand		
H3426	H3426	H5414	H3027	H5414	H3027		
וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ	וְ
and he took him up	H5927	H413	H413	H4818			
בְּמִרְכָּבָה:							

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.

