

2 Kings 10:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much.

Analysis

And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much.

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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

וַיִּקְבְּץ	וְיָהוּא	אֶת	כָּל	הָעָם	וַיֹּאמֶר	אֵלָּהּ
gathered	And Jehu	H853	H3605	all the people	and said	H413
H6908	H3058			H5971	H559	
אֶחָד	בָּנוֹ	יַעֲבֹד	אֶת	הַבַּעַל	מְעַט	וְיָהוּא
unto them Ahab	served	H853	Baal	a little	And Jehu	served
H256	H5647		H1168	H4592	H3058	H5647
הַרְבֵּה:						
him much						
H7235						