

# 2 Kings 10:19

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. The prophetic ministry served as God's primary means of covenant enforcement, calling both kings and people to faithfulness. 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

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**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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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## 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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וְכָל	עַבְדֵי י	כָּל	הַבָּעֵל:	נְבִיאֵי י	כָּל	וְעַתָּה ה
H3605	H5647	H3605	H1168	H5030	H3605	H6258
all his servants		of Baal		unto me all the prophets		
כִּי	יִפְקֹד ד	אֵל	אֵשׁ	אֵל י	קֹרָא ו	כָּהֲנָיו
H3588	H6485	H408	H376	H413	H7121	H3548
be wanting		let none		Now therefore call		and all his priests
ל א	יִפְקֹד ד	אֲשֶׁר	כָּל	הַבָּעֵל:	לִי	גָד וּל
H3808	H6485	H834	H3605	H1168	H0	H1419
				of Baal		for I have a great
						sacrifice
לִמֵּן עַן	בְּעֵקֶב ה	עָשָׂה ה	וַיְהוּא	יִחִי ה		
H4616	H6122	H6213	H3058	H2421		
it in subilty		did	But Jehu	he shall not live		
הַבָּעֵל:	עַבְדֵי י	אֶת	הָאֵב יד			
H1168	H5647	H853	H6			
of Baal	all his servants		to the intent that he might destroy			

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 22:6** (Prophecy): Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

**1 Kings 18:19** (Prophecy): Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.