

2 Kings 10:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is 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

וְשָׁלַח	וְהוּא	בְּכָל	וּשְׂרָאֵל	וַיָּבֹאוּ	כָּל
sent	And Jehu	H3605	through all Israel	came	H3605
H7971	H3058		H3478	H935	
וְעַבְדֵי	הַבַּיִת	וְלֹא	נִשְׁאַר	אִישׁ	
and all the worshippers	of Baal	H3808	left	so that there was not a man	
H5647	H1168		H7604	H376	
וְאֵשׁ	לֹא	וַיָּבֹאוּ	וַיָּבֹאוּ	בֵּית	וּמָלֵא
H834	H3808	came	came	and the house	of Baal
		H935	H935	H1004	H1168
					was full
					H4390
בֵּית	הַבַּיִת	לְפָנֶי:	לְפָנֶי:		
and the house	of Baal	from one end	from one end		
H1004	H1168	H6310	H6310		

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 16:32 (Parallel theme): And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

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