

2 Kings 10:23

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 divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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

וָיָבָ א	יְהוָה וְא	וַיְהוֹנָדָב ב	בֶּן	רַכָּב ב	בֵּית ית	הַבַּיִת עַל
went	And Jehu	and Jehonadab	the son	of Rechab	into the house	of Baal
H935	H3058	H3082	H1121	H7394	H1004	H1168
וַיֹּאמֶר	עֲבָדֵי י	הַבַּיִת עַל	חֲפָשׁוּ ו	וּרְאוּ	פֶּן	יֵשׁ
and said	but the worshippers	of Baal	Search	and look	H6435	that there be
H559	H5647	H1168	H2664	H7200		H3426
פֹּה	עִמָּכֶם	לֹא עֲבָדֵי י	יְהוָה ה	אִם	כִּי י	
H6311	H5973	here with you none of the servants	of the LORD	H3588	H518	
		H5650	H3068			
עֲבָדֵי י	הַבַּיִת עַל	לְבָדָם:				
but the worshippers	of Baal	H905				
H5647	H1168					

