

# 2 Kings 10:24

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

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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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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

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

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## 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

וַיָּבֹאוּ	וַיִּזְבְּחוּ	וַיִּשְׂרֹפוּ	וַיִּזְבְּחוּ	וַיִּשְׂרֹפוּ
And when they went in	to offer	sacrifices	and burnt offerings	Jehu
H935	H6213	H2077	H5930	H3058
וַיִּשְׁמַע	וַיִּשְׁמַע	וַיִּשְׁמַע	וַיִּשְׁמַע	וַיִּשְׁמַע
appointed	without	fourscore	If any	and said
H7760	H2351	H8084	H376	H559
וַיִּמָּלֵט	וַיִּמָּלֵט	וַיִּמָּלֵט	וַיִּמָּלֵט	וַיִּמָּלֵט
escape	If any		And when they went in	
H4480	H376		H935	
וַיִּשְׁמַע	וַיִּשְׁמַע	וַיִּשְׁמַע	וַיִּשְׁמַע	וַיִּשְׁמַע
into your hands	he that letteth him go his life		he that letteth him go his life	
H3027	H5315		H5315	