

2 Kings 10:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

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

וַיְהִי	בְּכָלֹת וְיָמָן	לְעֹשֶׂת וְתַּחֲנֵן
H1961	And it came to pass as soon as he had made an end	of offering
	H3615	H6213
בְּאֹהֶל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ	וְיָמָן אֶמְרָה יְהוּא	בְּאֹהֶל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ
the burnt offering	said	that Jehu
H5930	H559	H3058
וְיָמָן קָרְבָּנִים	וְיָמָן שְׁמַנִּים	וְיָמָן קָרְבָּנִים
and the guard	and the captains	and the captains
H7323	H7991	H7991
וְיָמָן בְּאֹהֶל	וְיָמָן בְּאֹהֶל	Go in
		H935
וְיָמָן וְיָמָן	וְיָמָן וְיָמָן	וְיָמָן וְיָמָן
And they smote	them let none	come forth
H5221	H376	H408
וְיָמָן וְיָמָן	וְיָמָן וְיָמָן	And they smote
		H3318
וְיָמָן לְפִי	וְיָמָן לְפִי	וְיָמָן לְפִי
them with the edge	of the sword	cast them out
H6310	H2719	H7993
וְיָמָן וְיָמָן	וְיָמָן וְיָמָן	and the guard
		H7323
וְיָמָן וְיָמָן	וְיָמָן וְיָמָן	and the captains
		H7991
וְיָמָן תַּלְכֵד	וְיָמָן תַּלְכֵד	וְיָמָן תַּלְכֵד
H1980	H5704	H5892
to the city	of the house	of Baal
		H1004
בְּבַיִת בְּבַיִת	בְּבַיִת בְּבַיִת	H1168

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 18:40 (Parallel theme): And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.