

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 י	כָּכֵלֶת וְ	לַעֲשֹׂת וְ			
H1961	And it came to pass as soon as he had made an end		of offering		
	H3615		H6213		
הַעֹלָה הַ	וַיֹּאמֶר	יְהוֹשָׁפָט	וְהַשָּׂרִים	וְהַשָּׂרִים	בָּאוּ
the burnt offering	said	that Jehu	and the guard	and the captains	Go in
H5930	H559	H3058	H7323	H7991	H935
וַיִּכּוּ	אֶת יֶשׁ	אֶל	יָצְאוּ	וַיִּכּוּ	
And they smote	them let none	H408	come forth	And they smote	
H5221	H376		H3318	H5221	
לְפִי	בַּחֶבֶץ	וַיִּשְׁלַח	וְהַשָּׂרִים	וְהַשָּׂרִים	
them with the edge	of the sword	cast them out	and the guard	and the captains	
H6310	H2719	H7993	H7323	H7991	
וַיִּלְכְּדוּ	עַד	עַד יְרֵמֹה	בֵּית	הַבָּעַל:	
H1980	H5704	to the city	of the house	of Baal	
		H5892	H1004	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.