

2 Kings 10:30

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and 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

אָמַר	יְהוָה	אֶל	יְהוּא	עַן	אֲשֶׁר
said	And the LORD	H413	unto Jehu	H3282	H834
H559	H3068		H3058		
כָּל	בְּעֵינַי	הַיָּשָׁר	עָשָׂה יְהוּא	הָטִיב תְּ	
H3605	H5869	H3477	H6213	H2895	
	in mine eyes	that which is right	and hast done	Because thou hast done well	
לְבֵית	עָשָׂה יְהוּא	בְּלִבִּי	אֲשֶׁר		
H1004	H6213	H3824	H834		
unto the house	and hast done	according to all that was in mine heart			
עַל	לֵב	יֹשֵׁב	רִבְעִים	בְּנֵי	אֲחָז ב
H5921	H0	H3427	H7243	H1121	H256
		generation shall sit	of the fourth	thy children	of Ahab
				יִשְׂרָאֵל:	כִּסֵּא א
				H3478	H3678
				of Israel	on the throne

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 10:35 (Parallel theme): And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead.

2 Kings 13:1 (References Israel): In the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah king of Judah Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned seventeen years.

2 Kings 13:10 (References Israel): In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned sixteen years.

2 Kings 14:23 (References Israel): In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty and one years.

