

2 Kings 10:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.

Analysis

From Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan.

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

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

מִן	בִּרְדָּן	מִזְבֵּחַ	פֶּשֶׁ	אֵת	כָּל	אֶרֶץ	וּבְגִלְעָד
H4480	From Jordan	eastward	H8121	H853	H3605	all the land	even Gilead
	H3383	H4217				H776	H1568

בְּנֵי גָּד	וּבְנֵי רְאוּבֵן	וּבְנֵי מְנַשֶּׁה	מְעִירָעָר	אֲשֶׁר	עַל
the Gadites	and the Reubenites	and the Manassites	from Aroer	H834	H5921
וְעַל	וְעַל	וְעַל	וְעַל	וְעַל	וְעַל

וְבַשָּׁן: וְגַלְעָד אַרְנוֹן גַּת מִלְּכָה

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 2:36 (Parallel theme): From Aroer, which is by the brink of the river of Arnon, and from the city that is by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us; the LORD our God delivered all unto us;

