

2 Kings 10:36

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

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 2:1 — Judging others

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

וְהָיָה יָמִים	אֲשֶׁר	מָלַךְ	יְהוֹאָחָז	עַל	יִשְׂרָאֵל	עֲשֵׂרִים
And the time		reigned	that Jehu		over Israel	was twenty
H3117	H834	H4427	H3058	H5921	H3478	H6242
וְשִׁמֹּנֶה	שָׁנָה	בְּשָׁמָרְוֹן:				
and eight	years	in Samaria				
H8083	H8141	H8111				
