

# 2 Kings 10:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand?**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 10: Zeal for God without heart transformation. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. 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

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**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

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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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

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וְרָאוּ afraid H3372	מְאֹד But they were exceedingly H3966	מְאֹד But they were exceedingly H3966	וַיֹּאמְרוּ and said H559	הִנֵּה H2009
שְׁנֵי Behold two H8147	מְלָכִים kings H4428	לֹא H3808	נִעַמְדָּה him how then shall we stand H5975	לִפְנֵי יְיָ not before H6440
	נִעַמְדָּה him how then shall we stand H5975	אֲנַחְנוּ H587		

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Kings 9:24** (Parallel theme): And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.

**2 Kings 9:27** (Kingdom): But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot. And they did so at the going up to Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there.

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