

2 Kings 10:9

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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

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

וַיֵּה ' H1961	בַּבֹּקֶר H1242	וַיֵּצֵא א H3318	וַיַּעַמֵּד ד H5975	וַיֹּאמֶר H559
And it came to pass in the morning	that he went out	and stood	and said	
אֶל H413	כָּל H3605	הָעָם H5971	צִדִּיקִים H6662	אֲנִי H589
to all the people	Ye be righteous			
קָשָׁה רָתִי H7194	עַל H5921	אֶדְנִי H113	וַאֲהָרָג הוּא H2026	וּמִי H4310
behold I conspired	against my master	and slew	him but who slew	
אֶת H853	כָּל H3605	אֱלֹהִים: H428		