

2 Kings 11:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

Analysis

And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 11: Preservation of Davidic line and covenant faithfulness. This passage occurs during the decline toward Israel's exile, demonstrating how persistent covenant unfaithfulness leads to national disaster.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: 2 Kings 11 takes place during the declining years of the northern kingdom, 8th century BCE, culminating in exile in 722 BCE. The chapter's theme (Athaliah's Usurpation and Downfall) reflects the historical reality of progressive political instability and external threats, particularly from Aram (Syria) and later Assyria. 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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 11 regarding preservation of Davidic line and covenant faithfulness?
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

וַיַּעַשׂ ו	שָׂרֵי י	הַמֵּא יוֹת	אֲשֶׁר כָּל ל	צִוָּה	
did	And the captains	over the hundreds		commanded	
H6213	H8269	H3967	H3605	H834	H6680
	יְהוֹיָדָע	הַכֹּהֵן:	וַתִּקְחוּ	אֶנְשֵׁי יו	אֶת
according to all things that Jehoiada	the priest	and they took	every man		
H3077	H3548	H3947	H376		H853
אֶנְשֵׁי יו	וַיָּבֹאוּ או	הַשַּׁבָּת ת	עִם	יֵצְאוּ י	
every man	and came	on the sabbath		with them that should go out	
H376	H935	H7676	H5973	H3318	
הַשַּׁבָּת ת	וַיָּבֹאוּ או	אֶל	יְהוֹיָדָע	הַכֹּהֵן:	
on the sabbath	and came		according to all things that Jehoiada	the priest	
H7676	H935	H413	H3077	H3548	

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 23:8 (Parallel theme): So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded, and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that were to go out on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses.