

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

Psalm 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

did	And the captains	over the hundreds	בְּמִא יָתָר	שָׁרֵר	שָׁרֵר	אֲשֶׁר	כִּכְלֵל	צִוָּה
H6213	H8269	H3967	H3605	H834				commanded
according to all things	that Jehoiada		the priest	and they took	every man	אֲנָשָׁה	אֲנָשָׁה	אֲתָּה
H3077			H3548	H3947	H376	H853		
every man	and came	on the sabbath	בְּשַׁבָּת	עַמְּךָ	עַמְּךָ	אֲצָא		
H376	H935	H7676	H5973				with them that should go out	
H3318								
on the sabbath	and came		אֲלֵיכֶם	יְהוָיֶךָ	יְהוָיֶךָ	בְּשַׁבָּת	בְּשַׁבָּת	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.

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