

2 Kings 17:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 17: Covenant judgment and exile. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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 17 takes place during the declining years of the northern kingdom, 8th century BCE, culminating in exile in 722 BCE. The chapter's theme (Fall of the Northern Kingdom) reflects the historical reality of the fulfillment of prophetic warnings as the northern kingdom fell to Assyria due to persistent covenant unfaithfulness. 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 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 17 regarding covenant judgment and exile?
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

וַיִּקְטְרוּ	שָׁם	בְּכָל	בְּמֹת	כַּגּוֹיִם
And there they burnt incense	H8033	H3605	in all the high places	as did the heathen
H6999			H1116	H1471
אֲשֶׁר	הִגָּלָה	יְהוָה:	מִפְנֵיהֶם	וַעֲשׂוּ
H834	carried away	to provoke the LORD	before	them and wrought
	H1540	H3068	H6440	H6213
דְּבַר יָם	רָעִים	לְהַכְעִיֵּם	אֶת	יְהוָה:
things	wicked	to anger	H853	to provoke the LORD
H1697	H7451	H3707		H3068
