

2 Kings 17:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

וָיָבֹא	אָז	ד	אֶחָד	יָמֵי	הַכֹּהֲנִים	אֲשֶׁר	רָגְלוּ
came	Then one		of the priests			H834	whom they had carried away
H935	H259		H3548				H1540
מִשָּׁמֶר	וַיָּשָׁב	בְּבֵית	אֵל	וַיְהִי	מִוְכָה	אֶת־	אֵין
from Samaria	and dwelt	H0	in Bethel	H1961	and taught	H853	H349
H8111	H3427		H1008		H3384		
	וַיִּירָא	אֶת־	יְהוָה:				
them how they should fear	H853	the LORD					
H3372		H3068					

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