

# 2 Kings 17:34

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

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**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**

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## **Study Questions**

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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

|                           |               |                  |                 |            |              |                  |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|------------------|
| עַד                       | הַיּוֹם       | הַזֶּה           | יְהוָה          | עַל־יָם    | וְכַמְשָׁפֶט | הַרְאֵשְׁנָיִם   |
| H5704                     | Unto this day | H2088            | H1992           | neither do | manners      | after the former |
|                           | H3117         |                  |                 | H6213      | H4941        | H7223            |
| אֵינָם                    | יְהוָה        | אֶת־יְהוָה       | יְהוָה          | וְאֵינָם   | עַל־יָם      |                  |
| H369                      | H3372         | H853             | not the LORD    | H369       | neither do   |                  |
|                           |               |                  | H3068           |            | H6213        |                  |
| כְּחֻקֵּיהֶם              | וְכַמְשָׁפֶט  | וְכִתּוּבָהּ     | וְכִמְצֻדָּהּ   | אֲשֶׁר־    |              |                  |
| they after their statutes | manners       | or after the law | and commandment |            |              |                  |
| H2708                     | H4941         | H8451            | H4687           |            |              | H834             |
| צִוָּה                    | יְהוָה        | אֶת־             | בְּנֵי־יַעֲקֹב  | אֲשֶׁר־    | שָׁם         |                  |
| commanded                 | not the LORD  | H853             | the children    | of Jacob   | H834         | whom he named    |
| H6680                     | H3068         |                  | H1121           | H3290      |              | H7760            |
| יִשְׂרָאֵל:               | שְׁמוֹ        |                  |                 |            |              |                  |
| H8034                     | Israel        |                  |                 |            |              |                  |
|                           | H3478         |                  |                 |            |              |                  |

## Additional Cross-References

**Genesis 32:28** (References Israel): And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

**Genesis 35:10** (References Israel): And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.

**Isaiah 48:1** (References Lord): Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.

**1 Kings 18:31** (Word): And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:

**2 Kings 17:25** (References Lord): And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of them.

**2 Kings 17:33** (References Lord): They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.

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