

2 Kings 17:36

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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is 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

אַתָּה אַמְתָּה יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר בָּאָתָּה מִבְּאָרֶץ
H3588 H518 H853 But the LORD H834 who brought you up H853

נָטַף הַבָּיְר וְעַד גָּד וְלִבְכָּר מִצְבָּה יְהוָה מִן־אֶרְץ
H776 H4714 H3581 H1419 H2220 H5186
out of the land of Egypt power with great arm and a stretched out

אַתָּה תִּירְאֵנָה אֶל־וְלִבְכָּר וְלִבְכָּר תִּשְׁפְּתָךְ וְלִבְכָּר תִּשְׁפְּתָךְ
H853 him shall ye fear H0 and him shall ye worship H0

תִּזְבְּחָה
and to him shall ye do sacrifice
H2076

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 6:6 (References Lord): Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

Deuteronomy 6:13 (References Lord): Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.

Exodus 9:15 (Parallel theme): For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

Leviticus 19:32 (References Lord): Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.

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