

2 Kings 3:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 3: God's faithfulness despite human unfaithfulness. The prophetic ministry served as God's primary means of covenant enforcement, calling both kings and people to faithfulness. During this period, Israel and Judah struggled with persistent idolatry, particularly Baal worship introduced under Ahab and Jezebel.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: 2 Kings 3 takes place during the Elisha prophetic ministry, approximately 850-800 BCE. The chapter's theme (Moabite Rebellion and God's Deliverance) reflects the historical reality of God's compassionate provision through prophetic miracles while both kingdoms struggled with persistent idolatry. 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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 3 regarding god's faithfulness despite human unfaithfulness?
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

וַיְהִי י' H1961	בַּבֹּקֶר H1242	כָּעֵל וְת' H5927	הַמִּנְחָה H4503
And it came to pass in the morning	was offered	when the meat offering	
וְהָיָה H2009	הַמַּיִם: H4325	בָּא יִם H935	מִדֶּרֶךְ H1870
water	that behold there came	by the way	of Edom
			וַתִּמָּלֵא א' H4390
			was filled
וְהָאָרֶץ H776	אֶת H854	הַמַּיִם: H4325	
and the country	water		