

2 Kings 3:7

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 reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. 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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוֹדָה מֶלֶךְ יְהוֹשָׁפָט אֶל וַיִּשְׁלַח וַיֵּלֶךְ
H1980 and sent H413 to Jehoshaphat The king of Judah And he said H559
H7971 H3092 H4428 H3063

מִמּוֹאָב אֶל אֶת־יְהִיָּה בֶן־נִינְוִי מֶלֶךְ מוֹאָב
The king of Moab hath rebelled H0 H1980 H854 H413 of Moab
H4428 H4124 H6586 H4124

כָּמֹכָה וְכָמוֹנִי אָעֵלֶּה וַיֹּאמֶר לְמִלְחָמָה
to battle And he said I will go up H3644 H3644
H4421 H559 H5927

כַּעֲמִי כַּעֲמִי כְסוּסֵי־י כְסוּסֵי־י
I am as thou art my people I am as thou art my people and my horses and my horses
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Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 22:4 (Kingdom): And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

2 Chronicles 18:3 (Kingdom): And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war.