

2 Kings 8:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 8: Prophetic word shapes national events. 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 8 takes place during the Elisha prophetic ministry, approximately 850-800 BCE. The chapter's theme (Elisha's International Influence) 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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 8 regarding prophetic word shapes national events?
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

וְעַד יְהוּדָה	עַד	יְהוּדָה	וְעַד	וְעַד	וְעַד
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עַד	יְהוּדָה	וְעַד	וְעַד	וְעַד	וְעַד
H5704	H3063	H5704	H3063	H5704	H3063

בָּעֵת	בָּעֵת	בָּעֵת	בָּעֵת	בָּעֵת	בָּעֵת
at	at	at	at	at	at
הַיּוֹם	הַיּוֹם	הַיּוֹם	הַיּוֹם	הַיּוֹם	הַיּוֹם
unto	unto	unto	unto	unto	unto
this	this	this	this	this	this
day	day	day	day	day	day
H1931	H3117	H1931	H3117	H1931	H3117

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 21:13 (Parallel theme): Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with her suburbs,

2 Kings 19:8 (Parallel theme): So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

Genesis 27:40 (Parallel theme): And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

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