

2 Kings 8:28

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 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 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

וַיִּלָּךְ	אֶת	יֹרָם:	בֶּן	אֲחָז ב	לְמִלְחָמָה	עִם	חִזְאֵל ל
H1980	H854	Joram	the son	of Ahab	to the war	H5973	against Hazael
		H3141	H1121	H256	H4421		H2371

מֶלֶךְ	אֲרָם	בְּרָמֹתְגִילְעָד	גִּלְעָד	וַיִּפְּצוּ	אֲרָמִים	אֶת
king	of Syria	in Ramothgilead	H1568	wounded	and the Syrians	H853
H4428	H758	H7433		H5221	H761	

יֹרָם:

Joram

H3141

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 22:5 (Kingdom): He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians smote Joram.

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