

2 Kings 8:29

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

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 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

הַמַּכִּים מִן בִּזְרֹעַ אֵל לְהִתְרַפֵּי אֶמֶל יוֹרָם וַיָּשָׁב
of the wounds H4480 in Jezreel H3157 to be healed H7495 And king H4428 Joram H3141 went back H7725

אֶת בְּהֶלֶם מִי בָרַח הָאֲרָמִים יָבֹהֵם אִישׁ ר
H854 when he fought H3898 him at Ramah H7414 which the Syrians H761 had given H5221 H834

מֶלֶךְ יְהוֹרָם בֶּן וְאַחְזִיָּהּ הוּא אֶבְרָם מֶלֶךְ חֲזָהָא ל
And king H4428 of Jehoram H3088 the son H1121 And Ahaziah H274 of Syria H758 And king H4428 against Hazael H2371

בִּזְרֹעַ אֵל אַחָא בֶּן יוֹרָם אֶת לֶרְא וְיָבֹד יְהוּדָה
in Jezreel H3157 of Ahab H256 the son H1121 Joram H3141 to see H7200 went down H3381 of Judah H3063

כִּי חָלָה הוּא:
H3588 because he was sick H2470 H1931