

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

בְּמִפְרָאִים	מִן	בִּזְרָעָל	לְהַתְּכִיפָּא	מֵלֵךְ	יוֹם	וְשָׁב
went back	Joram	And king	to be healed	in Jezreel	H4480	of the wounds

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H834	had given	which the Syrians	him at Ramah	when he fought	H854
H5221	H761		H7414	H3898	

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of Judah	went down	to see	H853	Joram	the son
H3063	H3381	H7200		H3141	H1121

וְ	חַלְה	הָיוּ
H3588	because he was sick	H1931

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