

2 Kings 9:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 9: Divine judgment executed on Ahab's house. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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 9 takes place during Jehu's dynasty and the violent purge of Baal worship, around 841 BCE. The chapter's theme (Jehu's Violent Revolution) reflects the historical reality of violent political revolution motivated by zeal for Yahweh but lacking genuine heart transformation. 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 9 regarding divine judgment executed on ahab's house?
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

וַיָּשָׁבֹו		וְיֹאמֶר יְהוָה	לֹא	דָּבָר	
Wherefore they came again	and told	him	And he said	This is the word	
H7725	H5046	H0	H559	H1697	
אֵלָיו הָיָה עֲבָד וְבִיד		דָּבָר רַא יְהוָה		אֵלָיו הָיָה עֲבָד וְבִיד	
of the LORD	which he spake	by	his servant	Elijah	
H3068	H1931	H834	H1696	H3027	H452
בְּכָל יְמֵינוֹ וְאֶכְלֶל וְזָרַע אֶל		לֹא מְרַתְּשֵׁב		בְּכָל יְמֵינוֹ וְאֶכְלֶל וְזָרַע אֶל	
the Tishbite	him And he said	In the portion	of Jezreel	eat	shall dogs
H8664	H559	H2506	H3157	H398	H3611
אִיזְבֵּל: בָּשָׂר אֶת					
the flesh	of Jezebel				
H853	H1320	H348			

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 21:23 (References Lord): And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

Leviticus 8:36 (References Lord): So Aaron and his sons did all things which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

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