

# 2 Kings 9:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel:**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 9: Divine judgment executed on Ahab's house. 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

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**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

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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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

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וְאֵבֶד shall perish H6	כָּל H3605	בְּ יֵת For the whole house H1004	לְאַחָב from Ahab H256	וְהִכָּתִיתִי and I will cut off H3772	לְאַחָב from Ahab H256
מִשֵּׁתֵּי יוֹ him that pisseth H8366	בְּקֵן יֵר against the wall H7023	וְעֵצוֹ and him that is shut up H6113	וְעָז וּב and left H5800	בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל in Israel H3478	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Deuteronomy 32:36** (Parallel theme): For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

**1 Samuel 25:22** (Parallel theme): So and more also do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

**2 Kings 14:26** (References Israel): For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.

**2 Kings 10:17** (Parallel theme): And when he came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD, which he spake to Elijah.

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