

2 Chronicles 35:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse is part of the narrative of Judah's kings, specifically addressing Greatest worship celebration since Samuel's time. The Chronicler's theological perspective emphasizes immediate divine retribution—kings who seek God prosper, while those who forsake Him face judgment. This pattern provides instruction for the post-exilic community on the conditions for God's blessing.

The account demonstrates God's covenant faithfulness despite human unfaithfulness. Even in judgment, God preserves a remnant and offers restoration through repentance. The repeated cycle of apostasy, judgment, and restoration reveals both human sinfulness and divine mercy. References to the temple, proper worship, and priestly service emphasize the Chronicler's concern for correct religious observance.

Theologically, these accounts point beyond immediate history to God's ultimate

purposes through the Davidic line. Despite repeated failures, God preserves David's dynasty, anticipating the perfect King who will reign in righteousness. The pattern of judgment for sin and restoration through repentance prefigures the gospel message of salvation through Christ.

Historical Context

This passage occurs during the divided monarchy period when Judah existed separately from northern Israel. The Chronicler writes from a post-exilic perspective, addressing the restored community in Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile (539 BCE onward). His emphasis on temple worship, proper religious observance, and God's covenant faithfulness speaks directly to the needs of his audience who had just rebuilt the temple and were reestablishing their identity as God's people.

The historical context demonstrates both God's judgment on persistent sin and His readiness to restore those who genuinely repent. The Chronicler omits most northern kingdom material, focusing on Judah and the Davidic line to emphasize God's faithfulness to His covenant promises. Archaeological discoveries from sites like Lachish, Beersheba, and Jerusalem corroborate the biblical accounts of various kings' reigns and building projects.

Understanding the Chronicler's post-exilic perspective is crucial—he's not merely recording history but applying past lessons to his contemporary audience, showing that the same principles of seeking God, maintaining proper worship, and covenant faithfulness that determined blessing or judgment in the past still apply.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does this verse illustrate the principle of divine retribution (blessing for obedience, judgment for sin)?
2. What specific applications does this passage have for maintaining spiritual faithfulness in contemporary Christian life?
3. How does this account point to God's ultimate purposes through the Davidic line and the coming Messiah?

Interlinear Text

וְהַמְשִׁכֵּר יִם	בְּנֵי	וְאַסָּף	עַל	מַעֲמָדָם	
And the singers	the sons	and Asaph	H5921	were in their place	
H7891	H1121	H623		H4612	
כְּמִצְוֹת	דָּוִיד	וְאַסָּף	וְהִימָן	וְיִדְּתוֹן	
according to the commandment	of David	and Asaph	and Heman	and Jeduthun	
H4687	H1732	H623	H1968	H3038	
חֹזֵה	הַמֶּלֶךְ	וְהַשְּׂעָרִים	וְשָׁעַר	וְשָׁעַר	אֵין
seer	the king's	and the porters	waited at every gate	waited at every gate	H369
H2374	H4428	H7778	H8179	H8179	
לֵךְ	לִסּוּר	מֵעַל	עֲבֹדָתָם	כִּי	אֲחֵיהֶם
H0	they might not depart	H5921	from their service	H3588	for their brethren
	H5493		H5656		H251
הַלְוִיִּם	יָכֵן יָנוּ	לָהֶם:			
the Levites	prepared	H0			
H3881	H3559				

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