

2 Kings 11:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 11: Preservation of Davidic line and covenant faithfulness. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. This passage occurs during the decline toward Israel's exile, demonstrating how persistent covenant unfaithfulness leads to national disaster.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: 2 Kings 11 takes place during the declining years of the northern kingdom, 8th century BCE, culminating in exile in 722 BCE. The chapter's theme (Athaliah's Usurpation and Downfall) reflects the historical reality of progressive political instability and external threats, particularly from Aram (Syria) and later Assyria. 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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 – Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 11 regarding preservation of Davidic line and covenant faithfulness?
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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| וְתִּתְּנֵה | לְשָׁרֵי | בְּמַאֲיוֹת | אֶת | פְּנִית | וְאֶת |
| give | did the priest | And to the captains | over hundreds | spears | H853 |
| H5414 | H3548 | H8269 | H3967 | H2595 | H853 |

בְּ יְה ְאָשְׁר־לְמִלְחָמָה־לְאָשְׁר־הַשְׁלָטָה־יְמִינָה
and shields H834 king David's H834 that were in the temple
H7982 H1128 H1732 H1004

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Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 8:7 (References David): And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

1 Chronicles 18:7 (References David): And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

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