

2 Kings 11:13

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. 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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

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

וַיַּחַם עַל אֶת־עֲתָלִיהָ	עֲתָלִיהָ	אֶת־	וְلֹא	בְּרִאָה	בְּרִאָה	בְּרִאָה
heard	And when Athaliah		the noise	of the guard	and of the people	
H8085	H6271	H853	H6963	H7323		H5971
אֲלֵהֶם וְיָבֹא אֵלֶיךָ	וְיָבֹא	אֵלֶיךָ	בְּיַד־	בְּיַד־	בְּיַד־	בְּיַד־
she came	H413	and of the people	into the temple	of the LORD		
H935		H5971	H1004	H3068		

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