

# 2 Kings 11:14

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 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

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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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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וְתִּרְאֶ And when she looked	H2009 H7200	וְהִנֵּה הַ behold the king	H4428 H4428	בָּעֵד עַל עַמּוֹ stood	H5921 H5975	בְּעֵמָה וְעַל עַמּוֹ by a pillar	H5982 H5982
כְּמַשְׁפֵּט as the manner	H4941 H4941	וְשָׁרֵם was and the princes	H8269 H8269	בְּחַצְצָרָה and the trumpeters	H2689 H2689	אֶל בָּעֵד behold the king	H3605 H4428
עַם and all the people	H5971 H5971	בְּאֶרֶץ of the land	H776 H776	שָׂמֵחַ rejoiced	H8056 H8056	וְתַקְעֵב and blew	H2689 H2689
עַתְלִיהָ and Athaliah	H853 H6271	בְּגִדֵּי her clothes	H899 H899	וְתַקְעֵב and cried	H7121 H7121	קַשְׁרָה Treason	H7195 H7195
קַשְׁרָה Treason	H7195 H7195	קַשְׁרָה Treason	H7195 H7195	וְתַקְעֵב and the trumpeters	H2689 H2689	וְתַקְעֵב עַל rent	H7167 H7167

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Chronicles 34:31** (Kingdom): And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book.

**2 Kings 23:3** (Kingdom): And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

**2 Kings 9:23** (Parallel theme): And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah.

**Luke 19:37** (Parallel theme): And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen;

