

# 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

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**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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וַיֵּדָא	וַהֲיָה ה	הִמָּ לֶךְ	עִמָּ ד	עַל	הָעַמּ וּד
And when she looked	H2009	behold the king	stood	H5921	by a pillar
H7200		H4428	H5975		H5982
כַּמִּשְׁפָּ ט	וְהָשָׁר יִם	בְּהִצָּצָר וְת	אֶל	הִמָּ לֶךְ	וְכָל
as the manner	was and the princes	and the trumpeters	H413	behold the king	H3605
H4941	H8269	H2689		H4428	
עַ ם	הָאָ רֶץ	שִׂמְ ה	וְתִקַּ ע	בְּהִצָּצָר וְת	וְתִקַּב ע
and all the people	of the land	rejoiced	and blew	and the trumpeters	rent
H5971	H776	H8056	H8628	H2689	H7167
עַתְלִיָּה	אֶת	בְּגָד יָהּ	וְתִקַּב א	קָשָׁר:	קָשָׁר:
and Athaliah	H853	her clothes	and cried	Treason	Treason
H6271		H899	H7121	H7195	H7195

## 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;

