

# 2 Kings 11:15

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

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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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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## **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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וַיִּצַו      יְהוֹיָדָד      הַכֹּהֵן      אֶת      שָׂרֵי י      הֵמָּא יוֹתָן  
**commanded**      **But Jehoiada**      **For the priest**      H853      **the captains**      **of the hundreds**  
H6680      H3077      H3548      H8269      H3967

אֶתָּה      הוֹצִיָּהּ יָאֵן      אֶלֵיהֶם      אָמַר      הֵן יל      פְּקִידֵי י  
**unto them** **Have her forth**      H413      **and said**      **of the host**      **the officers**  
H853      H3318      H559      H2428      H6485

אֶחָד יֶה      וְהָבֵא      לְשִׁדְרֵת      בַּיִת      אֶל  
H310      H935      H7713      H1004      H413  
**and him that followeth**      **the ranges**      **in the house**

אֶל      הַכֹּהֵן      אָמַר      כִּי      בְּחֶרֶב      תוֹמָת  
H408      H3548      H559      H3588      H2719      H4191  
**For the priest**      **and said**      **with the sword**      **Let her not be slain**

יְהוָה:      בַּיִת      תוֹמָת  
H3068      H1004      H4191  
**of the LORD**      **in the house**      **Let her not be slain**