

2 Kings 11:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD'S people; between the king also and the people.

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 10:9 — Confession and belief for 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

וַיַּכְרֵת	יְהוֹיָדָע	אֶת	הַבְּרִית	בֵּין	לַיהוָה	וַיַּכְרֵת
made	And Jehoiada	H853	a covenant	H996	between the LORD	H996
H3772	H3077		H1285		H3068	
וְהַמֶּלֶךְ	וַיַּכְרֵת	וְהָעָם:	לַיהוָה	וְהָעָם:		
and the king	H996	also and the people	H1961	also and the people		
H4428		H5971		H5971		
לַיהוָה	וַיַּכְרֵת	וְהַמֶּלֶךְ	וַיַּכְרֵת	וְהָעָם:		
between the LORD	H996	and the king	H996	also and the people		
H3068		H4428		H5971		

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 5:3 (Kingdom): So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

Joshua 24:25 (Covenant): So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

2 Chronicles 34:31 (Covenant): 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 Chronicles 29:10 (Covenant): Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

1 Samuel 10:25 (Kingdom): Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

Ezra 10:3 (Covenant): Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.