

2 Kings 11:19

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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. 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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

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| וְאֶת | פָּכְרִים | וְאֶת | בְּמִאּוֹת | וְאֶת | שָׁרִים | וְאֶת | רְאֵבָנִים | וְאֶת | נְצָרָנִים |
| And he took | H853 | the rulers | H8269 | over hundreds | H3967 | | and the captains | H853 | |
| H3947 | | | H3746 | | | | | | |
| וְאֶת | נְצָרָנִים | וְאֶת | עָם | וְאֶת | רְאֵבָנִים | וְאֶת | נְצָרָנִים | וְאֶת | יְדָוָה |
| and the guard | H853 | H3605 | and all the people | H5971 | of the land | H776 | and they brought down | H3381 | |
| H7323 | | | | | | | | | |
| וְאֶת | בְּמִלְכִים: | וְאֶת | בְּיַת | וְאֶת | יְהוָה | וְאֶת | לִבְבָּשׂ וְאֶת | וְאֶת | שַׁעַר |
| H853 | of the kings | from the house | H1004 | of the LORD | H3068 | and came | H935 | by the way | H1870 |
| H4428 | | | | | | | | | H8179 |
| וְאֶת | נְצָרָנִים: | וְאֶת | בְּיַת | וְאֶת | בְּמִלְכִים: | וְאֶת | עַל | וְאֶת | כִּסֵּא |
| and the guard | from the house | of the kings | H4428 | And he sat | H3427 | H5921 | on the throne | H3678 | |
| H7323 | H1004 | | | | | | | | |
| בְּמִלְכִים: | | | | | | | | | |
| of the kings | | | | | | | | | |
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