

# 2 Kings 11:19

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. 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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**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

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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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וְלָקַח	אֶת	שָׂרֵי י	הַ מְאוֹת	וְאֶת	הַכָּרִי י	וְאֶת
And he took	H853	the rulers	over hundreds	H853	and the captains	H853
H3947		H8269	H3967		H3746	
וְהָרַצָּ ים	וְאֵת	כָּל	עַם	הָאָרֶץ	וַיִּבְרֹא יָדוֹ	
and the guard	H853	H3605	and all the people	of the land	and they brought down	
H7323			H5971	H776	H3381	
אֶת	הַמְּלָכִים:	בֵּית	יְהוָה	וַיָּבֹאוּ	דֶּךְךָ	שַׁעַר
H853	of the kings	from the house	of the LORD	and came	by the way	of the gate
	H4428	H1004	H3068	H935	H1870	H8179
וְהָרַצָּ ים	בֵּית	הַמְּלָכִים:	וַיֵּשֶׁב	עַל	כִּסֵּא	
and the guard	from the house	of the kings	And he sat	H5921	on the throne	
H7323	H1004	H4428	H3427		H3678	
הַמְּלָכִים:						
of the kings						
H4428						