

# 2 Kings 11:2

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

**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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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## 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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אֶחָדִי הַ בָּתְּוֹת יְ וְרָם בְּתִי לְגַת  
took But Jehosheba the daughter of king Joram sister of Ahaziah

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בְּנֵי יְוָאָשָׁה אֶחָדִי הַ בָּנִי יְוָאָשָׁה  
sons of Ahaziah and stole him from among sons

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of king so that he was not slain H4191 H853 H853 him even him and his nurse

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וְלֹא עַתְּלִי הָוּ מִפְנֵי אֶת וְ בְּחִדְרָה  
in the bedchamber and they hid from Athaliah

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so that he was not slain

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