

# 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

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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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**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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אָחֲזִיָּהּ הָאֵחָ וְזֶה יוֹרָם הַמֶּלֶךְ בֵּית יְהוֹשָׁפָט וְתָקַח  
took But Jehosheba the daughter of king Joram sister of Ahaziah  
H3947 H3089 H1323 H4428 H3141 H269 H274

בְּנֵי מֵת וְאֶת אֲחֵיהֶם הַבְּנֵי יוֹאָשׁ אָתָּה  
H853 him from among sons and stole of Ahaziah sons Joash  
H8432 H1121 H1589 H274 H3101 H1121

מִיְּנֻקָּתוֹ וְאֶת אֲחֵיהֶם הַמֶּלֶךְ הוּמָת:  
of king so that he was not slain H853 H853 him even him and his nurse  
H4428 H4191 H3243

וְלֹא אֶתְלָהּ הוּא מִפְּנֵי אֲחֵיהֶם וְסָתְרוּ הַמֶּלֶךְ בְּחֵדָר  
in the bedchamber H4296 and they hid H853 from Athaliah H3808  
H2315 H5641 H6440 H6271

הוּמָת:  
so that he was not slain  
H4191