

2 Kings 11:4

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

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 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

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

שָׁנָה יֶלְדָה	אֶת	לְקַח	יְהוֹיָדָע	שֶׁלֶת	בְּשִׁבְעִית	וּבְשִׁנְתָּה	year	And the seventh	sent	Jehoiada	and fetched	H853	the rulers
H8141		H7637		H7971		H3077		H3947					H8269

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H3967	H3746	H7323						

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of them in the house	of the LORD	and made	H1992	a covenant
H1004	H3068	H3772		H1285

וְשָׁבָע	אֲתֶם	בְּבַיִת	יְהִי הָרָא	וְשָׁבָע עִם
with them and took an oath	H854	of them in the house	of the LORD	and shewed

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Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 11:19 (Kingdom): And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

2 Kings 11:9 (Parallel theme): And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest.

2 Kings 11:17 (Covenant): 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.

2 Chronicles 15:12 (Covenant): And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;

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