

2 Kings 12:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully.

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 12: Religious reform and temple restoration. 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 12 takes place during the declining years of the northern kingdom, 8th century BCE, culminating in exile in 722 BCE. The chapter's theme (Joash Repairs the Temple) 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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 12 regarding religious reform and temple restoration?
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

וְלֹא	וַיִּחְשְׁבוּ	אֶת	הָאֲנָשִׁים	אֲשֶׁר	לָתַת
H3808	Moreover they reckoned	H854	not with the men	H834	they delivered
	H2803		H582		H5414
אֶת	הַכֶּסֶף	עַל	יָדָם	לָתַת	עֲשִׂים:
H853	the money	H5921	into whose hand	they delivered	for they dealt
	H3701		H3027	H5414	H6213
הַמְּלָאכָה	כִּי	בְאֵמֶנָה	הֵם	עֲשִׂים:	
on workmen	H3588	faithfully	H1992	for they dealt	
H4399		H530		H6213	

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 22:7 (Faith): Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.