

2 Kings 12:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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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

James 2:17 – Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 – Definition of faith

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

רִיכָּחַי	שֵׁמֶן	רִיכָּחַי	בֶּן	שֵׁמֶן	בֶּן	וְיְהוֹזָבָד	שֵׁמֶן	בֶּן	וְיְהוֹזָבָד	שֵׁמֶן	רִיכָּחַי
For Jozachar	his son	of Shimeath	and Jehozabad	his son	of Shomer	his servants					
H3108	H1121	H8100	H3075	H1121	H7763	H5650					

הָנָה	וַיָּמָת	וְיִקְבַּר וְ	עִם אֶת וְ	אָבֹתָיו
smote	him and he died	and they buried	H853	H5973

בָּבָן	וְ	אַמְצֵי	הָ	יְמִלְלָה	לְ	לְיִד	בְּעֵין	יְרֵאָה
in the city	of David	reigned	and Amaziah	his son				תְּחִתְּפִיָּה
H5892	H1732	H4427	H558	H1121				H8478