

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

עֲבָדָיו	שֹׁמֶר רֹן	בֶּן וֹ	וִיהוֹזָבָד ד	שׁ מֵעֵת	בֶּן וֹ	וַיּוֹצֵר ר
his servants	of Shomer	his son	and Jehozabad	of Shimeath	his son	For Jozachar
H5650	H7763	H1121	H3075	H8100	H1121	H3108
אָבֹתָיו	עִם	אֶת וֹ	וַקָּבְרוּ וֹ	וַיָּמָת	הָכָהוּ	
him with his fathers		H853	and they buried	him and he died	smote	
H1	H5973		H6912	H4191	H5221	
תַּחֲתָיו:	בֶּן וֹ	אֲמָצִיָּה	וַיִּמְלֹךְ	דָּוִד	בְּעִיר	
H8478	his son	and Amaziah	reigned	of David	in the city	
	H1121	H558	H4427	H1732	H5892	