

2 Kings 12:4

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 12: Religious reform and temple restoration. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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

כָּסֶף	כָּל	הַכֹּהֲנִים יָם	אֶל	יְהוֹאָשׁ שׁ	וַיֹּאמֶר
All the money	H3605	to the priests	H413	And Jehoash	said
H3701		H3548		H3060	H559
יְהוָה:	בֵּית	לֵהֱבִיא	אֲשֶׁר	הַקִּדָּשִׁים יָם	
of the LORD	into the house	that is brought	H834	of the dedicated things	
H3068	H1004	H935		H6944	
עָרְכָהּ וְ	נִפְשׁוֹת	כָּסֶף	אֶל	יִשׁ	עוֹבֵר רַ
is set at	that every man	All the money	into any man's	that passeth	All the money
H6187	H5315	H3701	H376	H5674	H3701
אֶל יִשׁ	לֵב	עַל	יַעֲלֶה	אֲשֶׁר רַ	כָּסֶף
into any man's	heart	that cometh	H5921	H834	All the money
H376	H3820	H5927			H3701
יְהוָה:	בֵּית	לֵהֱבִיא			
of the LORD	into the house	that is brought			
H3068	H1004	H935			

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 22:4 (References Lord): Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:

Exodus 35:5 (References Lord): Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass,

Exodus 35:29 (References Lord): The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

Exodus 35:22 (References Lord): And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the LORD.

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