

2 Kings 12:4

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. 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

בְּ סָף כָּל הַכֹּהן יָמָן אֶל יְהוָה שׁ וְיְ אַתָּה
All the money to the priests said And Jehoash H413 H3548 H3605 H3701 H559 H3060 H3068

יְהוָה בְּ יַת לְבָב יְאָשֵׁר פְּקָדֵשׁ יָמָן
of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD H6944 H834 H935 H1004 H3068

עָרֵךְ וְ נִפְשָׁה וְתָעֲזֵב רְעֵב רְעֵב עַזְבֵּן אִישׁ בְּ סָף
is set at that every man All the money into any man's that passeth H3701 H5674 H376 H3701 H5315 H6187

כָּל אֲשֶׁר בְּ סָף יְעַלָּה לְבָב עַל אִישׁ בְּ סָף
All the money that cometh heart into any man's H3605 H3701 H834 H5921 H3820 H376 H3605 H5927

יְהוָה בְּ יַת לְבָב יְאָשֵׁר
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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