

2 Kings 12:6

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 reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. 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

לְמִלְחָמָה	שָׁנֶת הַיּוֹם	עִשְׂרֵה יָמִים	וְשָׁלֵשׁ	שָׁנֶת הַיּוֹם	לְמִלְחָמָה
H1961	year	and twentieth	But it was so that in the three	year	of king
H8141		H6242		H7969	
לֹא יְהוֹאשָׁה	בְּבַיִת	אֶת פְּקֻדָּתָם	בְּדַקְתָּה	בְּדַקְתָּה	בְּבַיִת
Jehoash	H3808	had not repaired	the priests	the breaches	of the house
H3060		H2388	H3548	H919	H1004

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