

# 2 Kings 12:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the other priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no more money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house.**

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

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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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

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וְלֹכֶד בָּנִים יְהוָה שֶׁלְּגָתָן לְיְהוּדָה וְלְיִקְרָא  
called Then king Jehoash for Jehoiada and the other priests

H7121

H4428

H3060

H3077

H3548

אַיִלְכָּם מִדְּעָה מִלְּכָּם וְלֹכֶד בָּנִים  
and the other priests and said

H3548

H559

H413

H4069

H369

אַל יִעַת הַבָּבֶית לְבַדְּקָה יְמִינְךָ מִמְּפִזְקָה יְמִינְךָ  
unto them Why repair it for the breaches of the house

H2388

H853

it for the breaches

of the house

H6258

H408

כִּי מִפְרִיכָּם מִאֵת כָּסֶף תַּקְרִיחָה  
now therefore receive no more money of your acquaintance

H3947

H3701

H4378

לְבַדְּקָה תַּתְגַּהֲהָה בָּבּוּת תַּתְגַּהֲהָה  
it for the breaches of the house but deliver

H919

H1004

H5414

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