

2 Kings 12:7

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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

וַיִּקְרָא הֶמָּה לֵּךְ יְהוֹאָשׁ לַיהוֹיָדָע וְלִכְּהֵנָּה יָם
called Then king Jehoash for Jehoiada and the other priests
H7121 H4428 H3060 H3077 H3548

וְלִכְּהֵנָּה יָם וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָּהּ מִדְּוַע אֵינֶכָּהּ
and the other priests and said H413 H4069 H369
H3548 H559

מִחֲזֹק יָם אֶת לָבֶדֶק הַבַּיִת וְעַתָּה אֵל
unto them Why repair H853 it for the breaches of the house H6258 H408
H2388 H919 H1004

תִּקְחוּ כֶּסֶף מֵאֵת מִכִּרְיֶכָּהּ כִּי
now therefore receive no more money H853 of your acquaintance H3588
H3947 H3701 H4378

לָבֶדֶק הַבַּיִת תִּתְּנָהּ:
it for the breaches of the house but deliver
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