

2 Kings 14:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah.

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 14: Pride leads to downfall; God's mercy continues. 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 14 takes place during the declining years of the northern kingdom, 8th century BCE, culminating in exile in 722 BCE. The chapter's theme (Amaziah of Judah and Jeroboam II) 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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 14 regarding pride leads to downfall; god's mercy continues?
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

בְּשָׁנָה	שְׁנֵי יָמִים	יֹאָשׁ	בֶּן	יֹאָחָז	מֶלֶךְ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	מָלַךְ
year	In the second	of Joash	son	of Jehoahaz	king	of Israel	reigned
H8141	H8147	H3101	H1121	H3099	H4428	H3478	H4427
אֲמַצְיָהּ	בֶּן	יֹאָשׁ	מֶלֶךְ	יְהוּדָה:			
Amaziah	son	of Joash	king	of Judah			
H558	H1121	H3101	H4428	H3063			

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 13:10 (Kingdom): In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned sixteen years.