

2 Kings 14:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 14: Pride leads to downfall; God's mercy continues. 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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

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

הָפָּ יָתְ	הָפָּ יָתְ	אֶת	אֶדּוֹם	וַשָּׂאָה
Thou hast indeed	Thou hast indeed	H853	Edom	hath lifted thee up
H5221	H5221		H123	H5375
לִבִּי	הַכְּבֹד	וְשִׁב	בְּבֵיתִי	וְלִמָּה
and thine heart	glory	of this and tarry	at home	
H3820	H3513	H3427	H1004	H4100
תִּתְגַּהֵר	בְּרָעָה	וְנִפְלֵתָה	אֶתְּהָ	
for why shouldest thou meddle	to thy hurt	that thou shouldest fall	H859	
H1624	H7451	H5307		
וַיהוּדָה	עִמָּךְ:			
even thou and Judah	H5973			
H3063				

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 8:14 (Parallel theme): Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;

2 Chronicles 26:16 (Parallel theme): But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

2 Chronicles 32:25 (Parallel theme): But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

Proverbs 15:18 (Parallel theme): A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

Proverbs 3:30 (Parallel theme): Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

Proverbs 16:18 (Parallel theme): Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 20:3 (Parallel theme): It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.