

# 2 Kings 14:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which belongeth to 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

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**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

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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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

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וְלֹא	שָׁמַע	וְאַמְצִיָּהוּ	וַיַּעַל	יְהוֹאָשׁ	מֶלֶךְ	יִשְׂרָאֵל
H3808	would not hear	But Amaziah	went up	Therefore Jehoash	king	of Israel
	H8085	H558	H5927	H3060	H4428	H3478
וַיִּתְּרָא	כֶּן יִמּוּ	וְאַמְצִיָּהוּ	הוּא	מֶלֶךְ	לַיהוּדָה:	
looked	one another in the face	But Amaziah	H1931	king	of Judah	
H7200	H6440	H558		H4428	H3063	
בְּבֵית	שֶׁשׁ מְשֶׁשׁ	אֲשֶׁר	לַיהוּדָה:			
H0	at Bethshemesh	H834	of Judah			
	H1053		H3063			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Joshua 19:38** (Parallel theme): And Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages.

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