

2 Kings 14:11

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. 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

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

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

וְלֹא	שָׁמַע	וְאַמְצֵى	וְעֹלֶל	וְהֹא ש	מֶלֶךְ	יִשְׂרָאֵל
H3808	would not hear	But Amaziah	went up	Therefore Jehoash	king	of Israel
H8085		H558	H5927	H3060	H4428	H3478

מלך יהודה	מלך	הו	היא	פניהם	יתרוא	1
king of Judah	king	But Amaziah	H1931	one another in the face	looked	
מלך	מלך	הו	היא	פניהם	יתרוא	1

לִיהוּדָה: אֲשֶׁר בְּבֵבִ יְהֻדָּה מִשְׁאָלָה H0834 at Bethshemesh H1053 of Judah H3063

Additional Cross-References

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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