

2 Kings 14:19

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

וַיִּקְשֹׁר ו	עַל יו	קִשָּׁר	בִּירוּשָׁלַם	וַיִּנָּס
Now they made	H5921	a conspiracy	against him in Jerusalem	and he fled
H7194		H7195	H3389	H5127
לָכָּה יִשָּׁה	וַיִּשְׁלַח ו	אַחֲרָיו	לָכָּה יִשָּׁה	וַיַּמָּת הוּא שָׁם:
him to Lachish	but they sent	after	him to Lachish	and slew
H3923	H7971	H310	H3923	H4191 H8033

Additional Cross-References

Joshua 10:31 (Parallel theme): And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it: