

# 2 Kings 14:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.**

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

## **Revelation 20:12 – Judgment according to deeds**

## **Romans 2:1 – Judging others**

## 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

אֲשֶׁר	אָמַר	יְהוָה	יְהוָה	אֵלֶּת	בְּנֵי	אֶת	בְּנֵי	הַזֶּה	וְאֵת
H1931	<b>He built</b>	H853	<b>Elath</b>		<b>and restored</b>		<b>it to Judah</b>		<b>after</b>
	H1129		H359		H7725		H3063		H310
									H7901
לְרַקְעֵן	בְּמִצְרָיִם	עִם	בְּמִצְרָיִם	אֶבְרַיִם					

## Additional Cross-References

**2 Kings 16:6** (Kingdom): At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.

**1 Kings 9:26** (Kingdom): And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom.

**Deuteronomy 2:8** (Parallel theme): And when we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from Ezion-gaber, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

**2 Chronicles 26:2** (Kingdom): He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

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