

2 Kings 14:23

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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

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

שָׁנָה:	חֲמִשָּׁה	עֶשְׂרֵי הַ	שָׁנָה:	לְאַמְצִי הוּ	בֶן	יֹאָשׁ שׁ	מֶלֶךְ
year	In the fifteenth	H6240	year	of Amaziah	the son	of Joash	king
H8141	H2568		H8141	H558	H1121	H3101	H4428
יְהוּדָה הַ	מֶלֶךְ לָרָגַע	יְרֹבָעָם	בֶּן	יֹאָשׁ שׁ	מֶלֶךְ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	
of Judah	began to reign	Jeroboam	the son	of Joash	king	of Israel	
H3063	H4427	H3379	H1121	H3101	H4428	H3478	
בְּשָׁמְרָא וּן	אַרְבָּעִים	וְאַחַת	שָׁנָה:				
in Samaria	and reigned forty	and one	year				
H8111	H705	H259	H8141				