

2 Kings 14:29

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 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

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

וְשָׁכַב	וַיִּרְבֶּעָם	עִם	אֲבֹתָיו	עִם	מֶלֶכִּי
slept	And Jeroboam	H5973	with his fathers	H5973	even with the kings
H7901	H3379		H1		H4428
לְיִשְׂרָאֵל	וַיִּמְלֶךְ	זַכְרְיָהּ	בְּנוֹ	תִּחְתָּיו:	
of Israel	reigned	and Zachariah	his son	H8478	
H3478	H4427	H2148	H1121		

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