

2 Kings 14:3

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 divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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

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

עָשָׂה:	הַיָּשָׁר	בְּעֵינֵי י	יְהוָה	כִּי	אֲלָ
And he did	that which was right	in the sight	of the LORD	yet	H3808
H6213	H3477	H5869	H3068	H7535	
כִּדּוֹ דָּ	אָבִי	כָּל ל	אֲשֶׁר	עָשָׂה:	
not like David	his father	H3605	H834	And he did	
H1732	H1			H6213	
יֹאֲשָׁ	אָבִי	עָשָׂה:			
according to all things as Joash	his father	And he did			
H3101	H1	H6213			