

2 Kings 14:5

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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

וַיִּהְיֶה י	כַּאֲשֶׁר ר	חֲזָקָה ה	הַמֶּלֶךְ ה			
H1961	H834	was confirmed	And it came to pass as soon as the kingdom			
		H2388	H4467			
בְּיַד ו	הַמֶּלֶךְ ים	אֶת	עַבְדֵי יו	הַמֶּלֶךְ ים	אֶת	הַמֶּלֶךְ לְ
in his hand	that he slew	H853	his servants	that he slew	H853	the king
H3027	H5221		H5650	H5221		H4428
אָבִיו:						
his father						
H1						

Additional Cross-References

Numbers 35:33 (Parallel theme): So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.

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