

2 Kings 14:9

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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

יְהוֹזָה מֶלֶךְ אַמְצֵי הָוּ אֶל שֶׁ לְחַ
sent And Jehoash king of Israel to Amaziah king of Judah
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בְּאֶרֶץ אֶל שֶׁ לְחַ לְאָמֵן רַבְּחוֹמָן בְּלִבְנֵן וְלִ
saying The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar
H559 H2336 H834 H3844 H413 H7971 H730

לִבְנֵי בְּתִכְרָת אֶת בְּתִכְרָת לְאָמֵן רַבְּחוֹמָן
that was in Lebanon saying Give thy daughter to my son
H834 H3844 H559 H5414 H853 H1323 H1121

בְּלִבְנֵן וְלִ אֶשְׁר הַשְׁׂדֵה חַיִת יְתַעַב רַבְּחוֹמָן
to wife and there passed beast by a wild that was in Lebanon
H802 H5674 H2416 H7704 H834 H3844

בְּחַוּמָן וְתַרְמֵס אֶת בְּתִכְרָת
and trode down The thistle
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