

2 Kings 15:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 15: Political chaos reveals spiritual bankruptcy. 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 15 takes place during the declining years of the northern kingdom, 8th century BCE, culminating in exile in 722 BCE. The chapter's theme (Rapid Succession and Instability) 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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 15 regarding political chaos reveals spiritual bankruptcy?
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

וַיַּעַשׂ	דָּבָר עָ	בְּעֵינֵי י	יְהוָה	לֹא	סָר		
And he did	that which was evil	in the sight	of the LORD	H3808	he departed		
H6213	H7451	H5869	H3068		H5493		
לְ	מִן־הַ	יִרְבֹּעַ	בֶּן־	נָבָט	אֲשֶׁר	הִחֲטָא	אֶת־
H5921	from the sins	of Jeroboam	the son	of Nebat	H834	to sin	H853
	H2403	H3379	H1121	H5028		H2398	
יִשְׂרָאֵל	כָּל־	יָמָיו:					
who made Israel	H3605	not all his days					
H3478		H3117					

