

2 Kings 15:21

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 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 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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

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

וְיִתֵּר	דִּבְרֵי י	מִנְהֵם	וְכָל	אֲשֶׁר	עָשָׂה	הָאֱלֹהִים
And the rest	of the acts	of Menahem	H3605	H834	and all that he did	H3808
H3499	H1697	H4505			H6213	
הֵם	כְּתוּבִים	עַל	סֵפֶר	דִּבְרֵי י	הַנִּמּוּדִים	לְמַלְכֵי י
H1992	are they not written	H5921	in the book	of the acts	H3117	of the kings
	H3789		H5612	H1697		H4428
יִשְׂרָאֵל:						
of Israel						
H3478						