

2 Kings 15:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned twenty years.

Analysis

In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned twenty years.

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

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

שָׁנָה:	חֲמִשָּׁה יָמִים	וּשְׁנֵי יָמִים	שָׁנָה:	לְעֶזְרָה הַ	מֶלֶךְ	יְהוּדָה הַ
year	and fiftieth	In the two	year	of Azariah	king	of Judah
H8141	H2572	H8147	H8141	H5838	H4428	H3063
בִּשְׁמֶר וֹן	יִשְׂרָאֵל לְ	עַל	רִמְלִיָּה הוּ	בֶן	פֶּקַח	מֶלֶךְ
began to reign	Pekah	the son	of Remaliah	H5921	over Israel	in Samaria
H4427	H6492	H1121	H7425		H3478	H8111
עָשָׂר יָמִים	שָׁנָה:					
and reigned twenty	year					
H6242	H8141					

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 7:1 (Kingdom): And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.

Isaiah 7:4 (Kingdom): And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

2 Kings 15:23 (Kingdom): In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned two years.

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