

2 Kings 15:29

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of 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

פְּלַאֲסָר	תְּגִלְתָּה	בָּא	ישָׁרָאֵל	מִלְּגָה	בַּיּוֹם	י
In the days	of Pekah	king	of Israel	came	Ho	Tiglathpileser
H3117	H6492	H4428	H3478	H935		H8407
בֵּית אָבָל וְאֶת עֵזִזָּה:	מִלְּגָה	וְאֶת עֵזָרָה:	וְאֶת עֵזָרָה:	וְאֶת עֵזָרָה:	וְאֶת עֵזָרָה:	
king	of Assyria	and took	H853	Ijon	Ho	Ho
H4428	H804	H3947		H5859		
מִצְרָיִם וְאֶת נָוָם						
and Abelbethmaachah	H853	and Janoah	H853	and Kedesh	H853	and Hazor
	H62		H3239		H6943	H2674
נְפִתְלֵל אֶרֶץ כָּל הַגָּלְעָד וְאֶת גִּלְעָד						
and Gilead	H853	and Galilee	H3605	all the land	of Naphtali	
H1568		H1551		H776	H5321	
וְאֶל מִצְרָיִם	וְאֶל מִצְרָיִם	וְאֶל מִצְרָיִם	וְאֶל מִצְרָיִם	וְאֶל מִצְרָיִם	וְאֶל מִצְרָיִם	
and carried them captive		of Assyria				
H1540		H804				

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 5:26 (Kingdom): And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

2 Kings 17:6 (Kingdom): In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

Joshua 20:7 (Parallel theme): And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah.

1 Kings 15:20 (Kingdom): So Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

2 Kings 16:7 (Kingdom): So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me.

1 Chronicles 5:6 (Kingdom): Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away captive: he was prince of the Reubenites.

Joshua 19:37 (Parallel theme): And Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor,

Joshua 11:1 (Kingdom): And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard those things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,

2 Chronicles 16:4 (Kingdom): And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.

Judges 4:2 (Kingdom): And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles.