

2 Kings 15:30

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. 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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

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

בָּנֵי פְּקָדָה עַל אֶלְהָה וַיַּקְשֵׁר
the son of Pekah against Elah and made
H1121 H5921 H7194 H7195 H1954

רִמְלִי הָוּ יִמְלִית הָוּ וַיַּמְלִל הָ
the son of Remaliah and smote him and slew him and reigned
H1121 H8478 H4191 H4427 H5221 H7425

עַשְׂרֵה יָמִין לְיָוָתָם
in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah
H6242 H3147 H1121 H5818

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 17:1 (Kingdom): In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.

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