

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

וִיקָשָׁר	קָ שָׁר	הוֹשֵׁעַ	בֶּן	אֵל הַ	עַל	פְּ קַח	בֶּן
made	a conspiracy	And Hoshea	the son	of Elah	H5921	against Pekah	the son
H7194	H7195	H1954	H1121	H425		H6492	H1121
רִמְלִי הוּ	וַיִּכּוּ הוּ	וַיַּמִּיתֵהוּ	וַיִּמְלֶךְ	וַיַּחֲזֵק יוֹ	בְּשָׁנָה	תַּחַת יוֹ	
of Remaliah	and smote	him and slew	him and reigned		H8478	year	
H7425	H5221	H4191	H4427			H8141	
עָשָׂר יָמִים	לְיוֹתָם	בֶּן	עֲזַח:				
in his stead in the twentieth	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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