

2 Kings 15:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel began Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.

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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is 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

בְּשָׁנָה	שְׁנֵי יָמִים	לִפְּקָח	בֶּן	רֵמְלִיָּהוּ	מֶלֶךְ	יִשְׂרָאֵל
year	In the second	of Pekah	the son	of Remaliah	king	of Israel
H8141	H8147	H6492	H1121	H7425	H4428	H3478
מָלַךְ	יֹתָם	בֶּן	עֲזִיָּהוּ	מֶלֶךְ	יְהוּדָה:	
to reign	began Jotham	the son	of Uzziah	king	of Judah	
H4427	H3147	H1121	H5818	H4428	H3063	

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 3:12 (Parallel theme): Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son,

2 Kings 15:7 (Kingdom): So Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.