

2 Kings 15:38

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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

שָׁבַת	וְיָתַם	עַמְּךָ	אָבִיךָ	תִּקְבַּרְתָּ	עַמְּךָ	אָבִיךָ
slept	And Jotham	H5973	his father	and was buried	H5973	his father
H7901	H3147		H1	H6912		H1
בָּעֵר	לְמִלְחָמָה	אָבִיךָ	אָמַת	בָּנָךְ	מְחַקְקִים	
in the city	of David	his father	reigned	and Ahaz	his son	H8478
H5892	H1732	H1	H4427	H271	H1121	

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