

2 Kings 15:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for 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

וְשָׁכַב בִּ	עֲזַרְיָה	עִם	אָבֹתָיו	וַיִּקְבְּרוּ	אֹתוֹ	עִם
slept	So Azariah	H5973	him with his fathers	and they buried	H853	H5973
H7901	H5838		H1	H6912		
אָבֹתָיו	בְּעִיר	דָּוִד	וַיִּמְלֹךְ	יֹתָם	בֶּן־וְ	תִּחְתִּיּוֹ:
him with his fathers	in the city	of David	reigned	and Jotham	his son	H8478
H1	H5892	H1732	H4427	H3147	H1121	

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 26:23 (Kingdom): So Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.