

2 Kings 15:9

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. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

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

עָשָׂה וְכָאשֵׁר בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה בְּעֵינֵי רַבָּע
And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD of the assembly
H6213 H7451 H5869 H3068 H834 H6213

וְרָבָע מִמְּחֻטָּאות מִבְּבָעֵם אָבֶת יְהוָה
as his fathers he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son
H1 H3808 H5493 H2403 H3379 H1121

וְרָבָע אָשֵׁר אָתָּה קָחָת יְהוָה יְהוָה
of Nebat to sin who made Israel
H5028 H834 H2398 H853 H3478