

2 Kings 16:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 16: Desperate alliances and religious compromise. 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 16 takes place during the declining years of the northern kingdom, 8th century BCE, culminating in exile in 722 BCE. The chapter's theme (Ahaz's Apostasy) reflects the historical reality of desperate political alliances and religious syncretism as Judah faced external threats. 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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 16 regarding desperate alliances and religious compromise?
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

שָׁלַח אֲשֶׁר כֹּל בְּמִזְבֵּחַ אֶת הַכֹּהֵן וְיַעֲשֵׂה
built And Urijah the priest H853 an altar H3605 H834 had sent H7971

אֲוֹרֵי הָעֵדָה מִדְמָשָׁקָה אֶת זֶה בְּמִלְגָה
according to all that king Ahaz from Damascus H3651 made And Urijah H223

בְּזֶה מִדְמָשָׁקָה אֶת זֶה בְּמִלְגָה
the priest came according to all that king Ahaz from Damascus H271 H1834

