

# 2 Kings 16:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 16: Desperate alliances and religious compromise. 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

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**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

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

## Study Questions

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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

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וְשָׁכַב	אָחָז	עִם	אֲבֹתָיו	וְקָבַר	עִם	אֲבֹתָיו
slept	And Ahaz	H5973	with his fathers	and was buried	H5973	with his fathers
H7901	H271		H1	H6912		H1
בְּעִיר	דָּוִד	וַיִּמְלֹךְ	חֶזְקִיָּהוּ	בְּנוֹ	תַּחְתָּיו:	
in the city	of David	reigned	and Hezekiah	his son	H8478	
H5892	H1732	H4427	H2396	H1121		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 1:1** (Kingdom): The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

**Matthew 1:9** (Parallel theme): And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias;