

2 Kings 21:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 21: Unprecedented wickedness brings irreversible judgment. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. In Judah's later history, we see both genuine reforms and deep-rooted corruption, revealing that external religious activity cannot substitute for heart transformation.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: 2 Kings 21 takes place during the final century of Judah's existence, 7th century BCE, including Manasseh and Josiah's reigns. The chapter's theme (Manasseh and Amon's Evil Reigns) reflects the historical reality of the worst apostasy under Manasseh followed by the most thorough reforms under Josiah, demonstrating that external righteousness cannot reverse God's determined judgment. 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 21 regarding unprecedented wickedness brings irreversible judgment?
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

וְנִי תָר	דְּבַר י	מִנְשָׁה	וְכָל	אֲשֶׁר	עָשָׂה
Now the rest	of the acts	of Manasseh	H3605	H834	and all that he did
H3499	H1697	H4519			H6213
וְחַטָּאת וְ	אֲשֶׁר	חָטָא	הָלֹא	הֵם	כְּתוּבִים
and his sin	H834	that he sinned	H3808	H1992	are they not written
H2403		H2398			H5921
					H3789
סֵפֶר	דְּבַר י	הַמִּים	לְמַלְכֵי י	יְהוּדָה:	
in the book	of the acts	H3117	of the kings	of Judah	
H5612	H1697		H4428	H3063	