

# 2 Kings 21:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 21: Unprecedented wickedness brings irreversible judgment. 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

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**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

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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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

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בָּן	עָשָׂר יָמִים	וְשֵׁנִי יָמִים	שָׁנִי וְ	אָמֹן	מָלַךְ	וְשֵׁנִי יָמִים
old	was twenty	and two	years	Amon	and he reigned	and two
H1121	H6242	H8147	H8141	H526	H4427	H8147
יָמִים	מָלַךְ	בִּירוּשָׁלַם	וְשֵׁם	אָמֹן	מִשְׁלֵמֶת	
years	and he reigned	in Jerusalem	name	And his mother's	was Meshullemeth	
H8141	H4427	H3389	H8034	H517	H4922	
בַּת	חָרֹץ	מִן	יִטְבָּה:			
the daughter	of Haruz	H4480	of Jotbah			
H1323	H2743		H3192			