

# 2 Kings 21:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.**

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

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## 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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וַיִּקָּבֹר	אֶת	בְּקִבְרֹת	בְּגִן	עֵץ	וַיִּמְלֹךְ
And he was buried	H853	in his sepulchre	in the garden	of Uzza	reigned
H6912		H6900	H1588	H5798	H4427
וַיִּשָּׂא	בְּנוֹ	תַּחְתָּיו:			
and Josiah	his son	H8478			
H2977	H1121				

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Kings 21:18** (Kingdom): And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.