

2 Kings 21:8

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. 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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by 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

מִן	יִשְׂרָאֵל	לֹא	אֶפְרָא	אֶסְיֹף	וְלֹא	א
H4480		H3478		H7272		H3808
	of Israel		Neither will I make the feet	move	any more	
				H5110	H3254	
אֲמַר	בְּקִוּי	לְאֲבוֹתָם	נָתַתִּי	אֲשֶׁר	הָאֲדָמָה	ה
H518	H7535		H1	H5414	H127	
	their fathers		which I gave		out of the land	
אֲשֶׁר	כָּל	לַעֲשׂוֹת	וְשָׁמַר	וְ		
H834	H3605		H6213			
		to do	only if they will observe			
			H8104			
הַתּוֹכָה	וְלִכְלֹל	צִוִּי				
H8451	H3605					
them and according to all the law		according to all that I have commanded				
		H6680				
מֹשֶׁה:	עֶבְדִּי	אֶת	צִוִּי	אֲשֶׁר		
H4872	H5650	H853	H6680	H834		
Moses	that my servant		according to all that I have commanded			

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 7:10 (References Israel): Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,