

# 2 Kings 23:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 23: Comprehensive reformation cannot avert certain 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 23 takes place during the final century of Judah's existence, 7th century BCE, including Manasseh and Josiah's reigns. The chapter's theme (Josiah's Thorough Reforms) 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 23 regarding comprehensive reformation cannot avert certain 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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הַנְּצָרָר יְהוּדָה אֶת־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְהַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְהַמִּזְבֵּחַ  
the money and the gold gave And Jehoiakim of Pharaoh H389 but he taxed  
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לְתַת־תְּמִימָה אֶת־רֹצֶחֶן־עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְאֶת־מִצְרָיִם  
of the land gave the money according to the commandment  
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לְתַת־תְּמִימָה אֶת־רֹצֶחֶן־עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְאֶת־מִצְרָיִם  
of Pharaoh of every one according to his taxation he exacted the money  
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לְתַת־תְּמִימָה אֶת־רֹצֶחֶן־עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְאֶת־מִצְרָיִם  
and the gold of the people of the land gave H0  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Kings 23:33** (Parallel theme): And Pharaoh-nechoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold.