

# 2 Kings 23:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**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.**

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

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**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

## **Hebrews 11:1 – Definition of faith**

## James 2:17 — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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

בְּאָרֶץ	בְּרִיבְלָה	בְּכָה	פָּרָעַ ה	צָאָסָרוּהוּ	put him in bands
H776	H7247	H6549	H0	And Pharaohnechoh	H631

עַל	עַנְשׂ	תִּפְנַח	בִּירוּשָׁלָם	בְּפָלָג	תִּמְמָת
to a tribute	to a curse	put	in Jerusalem	that he might not reign	of Hamath
H5921	H6066	H5414	H3389	H4427	H2574

בָּאָרֶץ	מִאָה	יִכְּרֹבֶת	כְּסֶף	יִכְּרֹבֶת	זָהָב
in the land	of an hundred	and a talent	of silver	and a talent	of gold
H776	H3967	H3603	H3701	H3603	H2091

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 8:65** (Parallel theme): And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, even fourteen days.

**2 Kings 25:6** (Kingdom): So they took the king, and brought him up to the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him.

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