

2 Kings 24:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 24: Judgment unfolds progressively. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. As Judah approaches exile, these events fulfill prophetic warnings and demonstrate that God's patience with covenant violation is not infinite.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: 2 Kings 24 takes place during the final collapse of Judah and Babylonian exile, early 6th century BCE, 605-586 BCE. The chapter's theme (Beginning of Babylonian Captivity) reflects the historical reality of the final collapse of Judah, destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, and exile to Babylon as covenant curses are fully realized. 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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 24 regarding judgment unfolds progressively?
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

בְּעֵת	הָיָה יָא	עָלָה	עֲבָדֵי י	נִבְכַּדְנֶאצַּר	מֶלֶךְ
At that time	H1931	came up	the servants	of Nebuchadnezzar	king
H6256		H5927	H5650	H5019	H4428
לְבָבִי	יְרוּשָׁלַם	וַתִּבֶּא	הָעִיר	בְּמָצוֹר:	
of Babylon	against Jerusalem	was besieged	and the city	H4692	
H894	H3389	H935	H5892		

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