

2 Kings 24:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

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

בְּמִלְחָמָה לְגַל יְהוּדָה אֶת יְהוֹיָכִין וְאֶת מִצְרָיִם
And he carried away H853 Jehoiachin to Babylon H853 mother and the king's
H1540 H3078 H894 H517 H4428

בְּאֶצְבָּע אֶלְעָזֶר וְאֶת נְשֵׁי יְהוּדָה אֶת בְּנֵי יְהוּדָה
wives and the king's H802 H4428 and his officers H5631 H193 H776
H853 H802 H853 H5631 H193 H776

בְּבָבִלָּה: מִירוּשָׁלָם גָּזָל הַיּוֹלֶד
from Babylon to Jerusalem he into captivity
H894 H3389 H1473 H1980

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 36:10 (Kingdom): And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

Esther 2:6 (Kingdom): Who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.

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