

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

Psalms 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

וַיִּגַּל	אֶת	יְהוֹיָכִן בֶּן	בָּבֶלְהָ:	וְאֶת	אִמּוֹ	הַמֶּלֶךְ
And he carried away	H853	Jehoiachin	to Babylon	H853	mother	and the king's
H1540		H3078	H894		H517	H4428
וְאֶת	נָשָׁיו	הַמֶּלֶךְ	וְאֶת	סָרִיסָיו	וְאֶת	אֶרֶץ
H853	wives	and the king's	H853	and his officers	H853	H193
	H802	H4428		H5631		H776
הוֹלֵךְ	גּוֹל	מִירוּשָׁלַם	בָּבֶלְהָ:			
H1980	he into captivity	from Jerusalem	to Babylon			
	H1473	H3389	H894			

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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