

# 2 Kings 24:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

## Analysis

**And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all that were strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive 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

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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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

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וְקָרְבָּנִים	אֶלָּא	שְׁבֻעַת	הַמִּלְחָמָה	אֶלָּא	וְקָרְבָּנִים
H2796	H505	H7651	H2428	H582	H3605
and craftsmen	a thousand	even seven	of might	and all the men	And all the men
H935	H4421	H6213	H1368	H3605	H4525
וְמַפְסִיגָּר	אֶלָּא	גְּבוּרִים	עֲשֵׂי	מַלְכָמָה	וַיִּבְיאֶם
and smiths	a thousand	all that were strong	and apt	for war	brought
H4421	H505	H1368	H6213	H4421	H935
מֶלֶךְ	בְּבָלָה:	גָּזָלָה	בְּבָלָה:	מֶלֶךְ	וְמֶלֶךְ
even them the king	of Babylon	captive	of Babylon	the king	and the king
H4428	H894	H1473	H894	H4428	H894

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 52:28** (Parallel theme): This is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand Jews and three and twenty:

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