

# 2 Kings 24:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 24: Judgment unfolds progressively. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## 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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דָּם	וְאַيִלָּה	נָכַר	אֲשֶׁר	שָׁפַךְ	אֲתָּה
H1571	<b>blood</b>	<b>And also for the innocent</b>	H834	<b>that he shed</b>	<b>for he filled</b>
H1818		H5355		H8210	H4390

יְהוָה	אֲבָה	וְלֹא	נָכַר	וְאַיִלָּה	יְהוָה
<b>Jerusalem</b>	<b>blood</b>	<b>And also for the innocent</b>	H3808	<b>would</b>	<b>which the LORD</b>
H3389	H1818	H5355		H14	H3068

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not pardon

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## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Kings 21:16** (Blood): Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD.

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