

2 Kings 24:5

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

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

וְנִתַּר	דְּבַר י	יְהוֹיָקִים	וְכָל	אֲשֶׁר	עָשָׂה	הָלַא
Now the rest	of the acts	of Jehoiakim	H3605	H834	and all that he did	H3808
H3499	H1697	H3079			H6213	
הֵם	כְּתוּבִים	עַל	סֵפֶר	דְּבַר י	הַמֶּלְכִּים	לְמַלְכֵי י
H1992	are they not written	H5921	in the book	of the acts	H3117	of the kings
	H3789		H5612	H1697		H4428
יְהוּדָה:						
of Judah						
H3063						

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 36:8 (Kingdom): Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

