

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

בְּלֹא עֲשֵׂה הָיָה תְּרַגּוּם יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה יְהוָה
Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim and all that he did
H3499 H1697 H3079 H3605 H834 H6213 H3808

לֹא כְּתָבָה יְמִינָה עַל כְּתָבָה יְמִינָה דְּבָרִים
are they not written in the book of the acts of the kings
H1992 H3789 H5921 H5612 H1697 H3117 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.

