

2 Kings 25:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 25: Covenant curses fulfilled completely. 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 25 takes place during the final collapse of Judah and Babylonian exile, early 6th century BCE, 605-586 BCE. The chapter's theme (Fall of Jerusalem and Temple Destruction) 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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 25 regarding covenant curses fulfilled completely?
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

בשָׁנָה תְּווִיהִי	בשָׁנָה תְּווִיהִי	הַתְּשִׁיעַ יְהִי	הַתְּשִׁיעַ יְהִי	לְמֶלֶךְ וְ	לְמֶלֶךְ וְ	לְחַדְשָׁ	לְחַדְשָׁ
H1961	year	And it came to pass in the ninth	H8671	of his reign	day of the month	H4427	H2320
H8141			H2320				
בְּעִשְׂרֵה וְרִאשֵׁה	בְּעִשְׂרֵה וְרִאשֵׁה	לְחַדְשָׁ	לְחַדְשָׁ	בְּאַתְּ	בְּאַתְּ	מֶלֶךְ	מֶלֶךְ
in the tenth	in the tenth	day of the month	H935	came	that Nebuchadnezzar	H5019	king
H6224	H6218	H2320	H935			H4428	
בְּבָבִילוֹן וְאֶתְּנָאָרְכָּה	בְּבָבִילוֹן וְאֶתְּנָאָרְכָּה	וְכָל הַיְהּוּדָה	וְכָל הַיְהּוּדָה	חַיְלָה	חַיְלָה	עַל יְהוּדָה	עַל יְהוּדָה
of Babylon	H1931	H3605	he and all his host	H5921	against Jerusalem	H3389	and pitched
H894		H2428		H5921		H2583	
עַל יְהוּדָה	עַל יְהוּדָה	עַל יְהוּדָה	עַל יְהוּדָה	סְבִיבָה	סְבִיבָה	סְבִיבָה	סְבִיבָה
H5921	against it and they built	H1129	H5921	forts	against it round about	H1785	H5439

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