

2 Kings 25:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the chapter upon it was brass: and the height of the chapter three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with wreathen work.

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 25: Covenant curses fulfilled completely. 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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

הָאֶחָד	לְעַמּוּד	וְהַקֹּמֶת	תְּאֵמָה	עֲשָׂרֵה הַשְּׁמֹנֶה
of the one	pillar	The height	cubits	was eighteen
H259	H5982	H6967	H520	H8083

שְׁלֹשׁ	הַכֶּתֶּרֶת	וְהַקֹּמֶת	תְּנִיחַ שֵׁת	עַל יוֹן	הַכֶּתֶּרֶת
three	and the chapter	The height	all of brass	H5921	and the chapter
H7969	H3805	H6967	H5178		H3805

הַכֶּתֶּרֶת	עַל	וְרִמֹּנִים	הַשְּׂבָכָה:	תְּאֵמָה
and the chapter	H5921	and pomegranates	and the wreathen work	cubits
H3805		H7416	H7639	H520

לְעַמּוּד	וְהַקֹּמֶת	תְּנִיחַ שֵׁת	הַכֹּל	סָבִיב
pillar	H428	all of brass	H3605	round about
H5982		H5178		H5439

הַשְּׂבָכָה:	עַל	הַשֵּׁנִי
and the wreathen work	H5921	and like unto these had the second
H7639		H8145