

2 Kings 25:24

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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

אֶל	לֵּהּ	וַיֹּאמֶר	וְלֹא־נָשִׂיָּהּ	וְגִדְלִי הוּא	לֵּהּ	וַיִּשָּׁבַע
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		and said		H1436		H7650
		H559				
בָּאָה־רֶץ	שָׁבוּ	הַכַּשְׂדִּים	מַעֲבָדִים	תִּירָא		
in the land	dwell	of the Chaldees	not to be the servants	unto them Fear		
H776	H3427	H3778	H5650	H3372		
לָכֶם:	וְיָטִב	בְּכֹל	מֶלֶךְ	אֶת	וְעָבַדוּ	
		and it shall be well	of Babylon	the king	and serve	
H0	H3190		H894	H4428	H5647	