

2 Kings 25:26

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. 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 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is 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

וָקָם מוֹ	כָּל	הָעָם	הַקְטָן	וְהַגָּדוֹל	וְשָׂרֵי
arose		And all the people	both small	and great	and the captains
H6965	H3605	H5971	H6996	H5704	H1419
הַחֲסִילֵי יָם	וַיָּבֹא אֹ	הַמִּצְרָיִם	כִּי	וַיִּירָאוּ	הַמִּצְרָיִם
of the armies	and came	to Egypt		for they were afraid	of
H2428	H935	H4714	H3588	H3372	H6440
כַּשְׂדִּים:					
the Chaldees					
H3778					

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