

# 2 Kings 25:27

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

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**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**

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## **Study Questions**

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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

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וַיְהִי	בְּשָׁלֹשׁ יָמִים	וַשְׁבַּע הַ	בְּשָׁנָה	לְגָלוּת		
H1961	and thirtieth	And it came to pass in the seven	in the year	of the captivity		
	H7970	H7651	H8141	H1546		
וַיְהִיכִין יְהוֹיָכִין	מֶלֶךְ	יְהוּדָה הַ	בְּשָׁנָה יָמִים	לַחֹדֶשׁ עָשָׂר	בְּעָשָׂר יָמִים	
of Jehoiachin	king	of Judah	in the twelfth	H6240	month	and twentieth
H3078	H4428	H3063	H8147		H2320	H6242
	וַשְׁבַּע הַ	לַחֹדֶשׁ	נָשָׂא אֶל	אֶל יֵל	מְרֹדַךְ	
	And it came to pass in the seven	month	did lift up	H0	that Evilmerodach	
	H7651	H2320	H5375		H192	
מֶלֶךְ	בָּבֶל לְ	בְּשָׁנָה	מָלַךְ וְ	אֶת	רֹאשׁ אִשׁ	וַיְהִיכִין יְהוֹיָכִין
king	of Babylon	in the year	that he began to reign	H853	the head	of Jehoiachin
H4428	H894	H8141	H4427		H7218	H3078
מֶלֶךְ	יְהוּדָה הַ	מִבֵּית יֵת	כָּלָא:			
king	of Judah	out of prison	H3608			
H4428	H3063	H1004				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 40:20** (Parallel theme): And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

**Genesis 40:13** (Parallel theme): Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

**2 Kings 24:12** (Kingdom): And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.

**Proverbs 21:1** (Kingdom): The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

**2 Kings 24:15** (Kingdom): And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, those carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon.

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