

2 Kings 25:30

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of 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

מִאֵת לְזִקְנָתָה	אֶתְמָתָה	תָּמִיד	נְתָנָה	לִזְקָנָתָה	מִאֵת
And his allowance	And his allowance	was a continual	given		H853
H737	H737	H8548	H5414		H0
בָּתַח לְגַם	דְּבָרָה	יְמִינָה	יְמִינָה	לִזְקָנָתָה	
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H4428	H1697	H3117	H3117		
				H3605	
				a daily	
				H3117	
					H2416

Additional Cross-References

Luke 11:3 (Parallel theme): Give us day by day our daily bread.

Nehemiah 11:23 (Kingdom): For it was the king's commandment concerning them, that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day.

Matthew 6:11 (Parallel theme): Give us this day our daily bread.

Nehemiah 12:47 (Parallel theme): And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, every day

his portion: and they sanctified holy things unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified them unto the children of Aaron.

Daniel 1:5 (Kingdom): And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

Acts 6:1 (Parallel theme): And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

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