

# 2 Kings 25:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were scattered from him.**

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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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## 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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וַיִּדְפּוּ	חֵיל וְ	כַּשְׂדִּים	אַחֲרֵי	הַמֶּלֶךְ	וַיֵּשׁ גּוֹ	אֶת וְ
pursued	And the army	of the Chaldees	after	the king	and overtook	H853
H7291	H2428	H3778	H310	H4428	H5381	
בְּעֶרְבֹתָיו	יֵרֵחַ וְ	וְכָל	חֵיל וְ	נָפְצוּ	מֵעָלָיו:	
him in the plains	of Jericho	H3605	And the army	were scattered	H5921	
H6160	H3405		H2428	H6327		

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