

2 Kings 25:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire.

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 25: Covenant curses fulfilled completely. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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

וְיַתֵּן יְהוָה שְׁבָרִת אֶת בָּיִת וְיַתֵּן יְהוָה שְׁבָרִת אֶת בָּיִת
And he burnt and all the houses of the LORD and all the houses
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כָּל וְאֶת יְרוּשָׁלָם וְיַתֵּן יְהוָה שְׁבָרִת אֶת בָּיִת
and the king's and all the houses of Jerusalem
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וְיַתֵּן יְהוָה שְׁבָרִת אֶת בָּיִת וְיַתֵּן יְהוָה שְׁבָרִת אֶת בָּיִת
and all the houses and every great And he burnt he with fire
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Additional Cross-References

Amos 2:5 (References Jerusalem): But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

Psalms 79:1 (References Jerusalem): O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

1 Kings 9:8 (References Lord): And at this house, which is high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and to this house?

2 Chronicles 36:19 (References Jerusalem): And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof.

Micah 3:12 (References Jerusalem): Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.

Jeremiah 37:10 (Parallel theme): For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them, yet should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

Jeremiah 34:22 (References Lord): Behold, I will command, saith the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

Jeremiah 37:8 (Parallel theme): And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire.

Jeremiah 52:13 (Kingdom): And burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire: