

# Jeremiah 22:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

As I live, saith the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;

## Analysis

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**Though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence**—the Hebrew חֹתָם (chotam, 'signet ring') represented royal authority, identity, and power. Kings sealed official documents with their signet, making it precious and constantly worn. God declares that even if Coniah (Jehoiachin, contracted form) held this place of intimacy and authority, divine judgment would rip him away. The verb נָתַק (nataq, 'pluck/tear off') conveys violent removal.

**As I live, saith the LORD** (חַי־אֲנִי נְאֻם־יְהוָה, chai-ani ne'um-YHWH)—the oath formula invokes God's very existence as guarantee. This represents irrevocable judgment. Tragically, God had earlier compared David's line to His signet (Haggai 2:23 reverses this for Zerubbabel). The curse demonstrates that covenant privilege without covenant faithfulness brings covenant curse. Even proximity to God offers no protection from sin's consequences—compare Judas's apostolic position yet eternal loss.

## Historical Context

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Jehoiachin (Coniah/Jeconiah) reigned only three months (598-597 BC) before Nebuchadnezzar besieged Jerusalem and deported him to Babylon with the royal family, nobles, and craftsmen (2 Kings 24:8-16). He spent 37 years imprisoned in

Babylon before brief release (2 Kings 25:27-30). Despite this curse, Jesus descended from his line (Matthew 1:11-12), demonstrating God's sovereign grace.

## Related Passages

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

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What privileges or positions have you assumed protect you from divine accountability?
2. How does this verse challenge notions of 'once saved, always saved' without perseverance?
3. In what ways might you be trusting your spiritual heritage rather than present faithfulness?

## Interlinear Text

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חִי	אֲנִי	נֹאֵם	יְהוָה	כִּי	אִם	יְהִי הַ	כִּנֵּי הוּ	בֶן
As I live	H589	saith	the LORD	H3588	H518	H1961	though Coniah	the son
H2416		H5002	H3068				H3659	H1121
יְהוֹיָכִים	מֶלֶךְ	יְהוּדָה	חֹתֶם	עַל	יָד	יְמִינִי	כִּי	
of Jehoiakim	king	of Judah	were the signet	H5921	hand	upon my right	H3588	
H3079	H4428	H3063	H2368		H3027	H3225		
מִשָּׁם	אֶתְקַנֵּב:							
H8033	yet would I pluck							
	H5423							

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 37:1** (Kingdom): And king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

**1 Chronicles 3:16** (Parallel theme): And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

**Song of Solomon 8:6**: Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.

**Haggai 2:23** (References Lord): In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.