

# Jeremiah 22:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.

## Analysis

**And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life** (נַתְתִּיךְ בְּ יָד מַבְּקָשֵׁי) —the phrase 'seek your life/soul' means 'seek to kill you.' Specifically, God identifies the agents: **into the hand of them whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.** The repetition of 'into the hand of' emphasizes the comprehensive nature of this surrender. What Jehoiachin feared would indeed overtake him.

The theological principle here is sobering: God actively delivers His people to judgment, not merely permitting it. The verb **נָתַן** (natan, 'to give/deliver') indicates divine agency. This challenges simplistic views of God's sovereignty—He uses pagan empires as instruments of covenant discipline. Paul later teaches that God 'gave them over' to sin's consequences (Romans 1:24, 26, 28). The face you fear reveals the idol you've served instead of Yahweh.

## Historical Context

Jehoiachin surrendered Jerusalem to Nebuchadnezzar in 597 BC to avoid total destruction. The Babylonian Chronicles confirm this event, stating that Nebuchadnezzar 'captured the king' and 'appointed a king of his own choice.'

Jehoiachin was imprisoned in Babylon for decades, archaeological evidence of his rations found in Babylonian records referring to 'Jehoiachin, king of Judah.'

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What are you most afraid of, and how might that fear indicate misplaced trust?
2. How does understanding God's active role in judgment affect your view of contemporary crises?
3. In what ways might God be 'handing you over' to the consequences of your choices?

## Interlinear Text

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וְיִתְعַתֶּת יְהֹוָה  
And I will give    and into the hand    of them that seek    thy life    and into the hand  
H5414                    H3027                    H1245                    H5315                    H3027

וְיִתְعַתֶּת אֲשֶׁר  
And I will give    and into the hand    of them that seek    thy life    and into the hand  
H834                    H859                    H3016                    H6440                    H3027

וְיִתְعַתֶּת לְמִלְגֵּן  
And I will give    and into the hand    of them that seek    thy life    and into the hand  
H5019                    H4428                    H894                    H3027                    H3778

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 21:7** (Kingdom): And afterward, saith the LORD, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

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