

# Jeremiah 52:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the first year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison,

## Analysis

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Jehoiachin's release from prison and elevation to favor with the Babylonian king Evil-merodach provides a hopeful ending to Jeremiah's book. After 37 years in prison, the Davidic king receives mercy and honor. This hints at future restoration and keeps alive the Davidic covenant promise (2 Sam 7:12-16). Though judged, the line continues - ultimately fulfilled in Christ, David's greater Son.

## Historical Context

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This occurred around 561 BC. Jehoiachin's elevation, though he never returned to Judah, symbolized the Davidic line's continued existence despite exile.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does God sometimes provide glimpses of hope even after severe judgment?
2. What does Jehoiachin's preservation teach about God's faithfulness to His covenant promises?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 3:3** (Parallel theme): But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

**Psalms 27:6** (Parallel theme): And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

**Proverbs 21:1** (Kingdom): The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

**Genesis 40:13** (Parallel theme): Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

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