

Jeremiah 52:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And spake kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon,

Analysis

Spake kindly unto him (וַיְדַבֵּר אֵתוֹ טוֹבוֹת, literally 'spoke good things to him')—Evil-Merodach (Amel-Marduk) released Jehoiachin from prison after 37 years (v. 31). **Set his throne above the throne of the kings**—gave him honor above other captive monarchs in Babylon.

This sudden reversal mirrors Joseph's exaltation (Genesis 41:40). The Davidic line, seemingly extinct, shows signs of life. Though Jesus came through Jehoiachin's line (Matthew 1:11-12), this restoration hints at God's covenant faithfulness—the lamp of David will not be extinguished (1 Kings 11:36).

Historical Context

Amel-Marduk (562-560 BC) succeeded Nebuchadnezzar. Archaeological tablets from Babylon (1939 discovery) list rations for 'Yaukin, king of Judah' and his five sons, confirming this biblical account's historicity.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does Jehoiachin's exaltation after 37 years of prison foreshadow Christ's exaltation after humiliation?
2. What does God's preservation of the Davidic line through Jehoiachin teach about His covenant faithfulness despite judgment?
3. In what seemingly dead situations might God be preserving His purposes that will later flourish?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּדְבֶּר ר	טֹב וְת אֶת ו	וַיִּתֵּן	אֶת	לְכִסֵּא א	מִמֶּנּוּ עַל	
And spake	H854	kindly	unto him and set	H853	his throne	above
H1696		H2896	H5414		H3678	H4605
לְכִסֵּא א	מִלְכֵי יָם	אֲשֶׁר ר	אֶת ו	בְּבָבֶל:		
his throne	of the kings	H834	H854	that were with him in Babylon		
H3678	H4428			H894		

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 12:25 (Parallel theme): Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.