

2 Chronicles 24:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

God's persistent grace despite rebellion: 'Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.' This summarizes a recurring pattern - God sending prophets to call people back despite repeated rejection. The prophets testified (Hebrew: 'ud - warn, exhort) against sin, seeking repentance. The people's refusal to 'give ear' (ha'azinu - listen/obey) demonstrates hardened hearts spurning grace. This pattern continued throughout Israel's history, showing God's persistent love and human stubbornness. Christ, the ultimate prophet (Hebrews 1:1-2), continues calling sinners to repentance, with similar mixed responses.

Historical Context

After Jehoiada's death (c. 825 BCE), Joash abandoned the LORD despite earlier faithfulness. God's sending prophets demonstrated patience seeking restoration, though the people (including Joash) rejected them, leading to judgment. This warned that past faithfulness doesn't guarantee immunity from apostasy.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How are you responding to God's 'prophetic voices' - Scripture, preaching, conviction - calling you to repent and return?
2. What areas of hardened heart might be making you refuse to 'give ear' to God's warnings?

Interlinear Text

וְשִׁלְךָ	נְבָא	לְבִשְׁיבָה	אֶל	יְהִי
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H7971	H5030	H7725	H413	H3068
וְיִשְׁעָרְךָ	אַל	אַתָּה	בְּאַזְרִיכָה	
and they testified		against them but they would not give ear		
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