

2 Kings 18:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 18: Faithful reformation faces external pressure. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. In Judah's later history, we see both genuine reforms and deep-rooted corruption, revealing that external religious activity cannot substitute for heart transformation.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: 2 Kings 18 takes place during Hezekiah's reign in Judah, late 8th century BCE, around 715-686 BCE. The chapter's theme (Hezekiah's Reforms and Assyrian Threat) reflects the historical reality of genuine religious reform under Hezekiah, including trust in God that resulted in miraculous deliverance from Assyria. Archaeological evidence from this period includes royal inscriptions, administrative documents, and material culture that corroborate the biblical

account while providing additional context for understanding the political and social dynamics at work.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 18 regarding faithful reformation faces external pressure?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's character, particularly His justice, mercy, and faithfulness to covenant promises?
3. In what practical ways should this text shape contemporary Christian thinking about faithfulness, worship, and obedience to God?

Interlinear Text

נִלְכְּדָה	מִקְצֵה	שָׁלֹשׁ	שָׁנָה	שָׁנָה	שֶׁשׁ	לְחִזְקִיָּה
they took	And at the end	of three	year	year	it even in the sixth	of Hezekiah
H3920	H7097	H7969	H8141	H8141	H8337	H2396

הָיָה	שָׁנָה	שֶׁשׁ	לְהוֹשֵׁעַ	מֶלֶךְ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	נִלְכְּדָה
H1931	year	that is the ninth	of Hoshea	king	of Israel	they took
H8141	H8672	H1954	H4428	H3478	H3920	

שָׁמָרְוֹן:

Samaria
H8111