

# 2 Kings 18:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Abi, the daughter of Zachariah.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 18: Faithful reformation faces external pressure. 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

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

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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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

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בָּאֵל	וְיָמִים	מֶלֶךְ	יְמִינָה	וְעִשְׂרֵה	יָמִים	מֶלֶךְ	בָּאֵל
old	Twenty	and five	years	H1961	and he reigned	Twenty	
H1121	H6242	H2568	H8141		H4427		H6242
אַמְתָּה	וְשָׁמֶן	מֶלֶךְ	שְׁנַת	הַזְּמִינָה	וְשָׁמֶן	מֶלֶךְ	אַמְתָּה
and nine	years	and he reigned	in Jerusalem	H3389	name	His mother's	
H8672	H8141	H4427			H8034		H517
אָבִי	בָּתְהוּ	זָכְרִיָּה					
also was Abi	the daughter	of Zachariah					
H21	H1323	H2148					