

2 Kings 18:2

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. 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

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

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

בן	וְעֶשְׂרִים	וְחֲמִישָׁה	שָׁנָה	הָ	מֶלֶךְ	וְעֶשְׂרִים
old	Twenty	and five	years	H1961	and he reigned	Twenty
H1121	H6242	H2568	H8141		H4427	H6242

וְתֵשַׁע	שָׁנָה	מֶלֶךְ	בִּירוּשָׁלַם	וְשֵׁם	אִמּוֹ
and nine	years	and he reigned	in Jerusalem	name	His mother's
H8672	H8141	H4427	H3389	H8034	H517

אָבִי	בֵּת	זִכְרְיָהּ:
also was Abi	the daughter	of Zachariah
H21	H1323	H2148