

2 Kings 18:24

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

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

וְאֵי יְיָ	תִּשָּׁב יֵב	אֵי ת	פָּנֵי י	פַּחַת	אֶחָד	עֲבָדֵי י
H349	How then wilt thou turn away	H853	the face	captain	of one	servants
	H7725		H6440	H6346	H259	H5650
אֲדֹנָי י	הַקָּטָנִים יִם	וּתְבַטֵּחַ	לְךָ	עַל	מִצְרַיִם	לְךָ כָּבֹד
of my master's	of the least	and put thy trust	H0	H5921	on Egypt	for chariots
H113	H6996	H982			H4714	H7393
וּלְפָרָשִׁים:						
and for horsemen						
H6571						

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 10:8 (Parallel theme): For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings?

