

# 2 Kings 18:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 18: Faithful reformation faces external pressure. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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

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**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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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## 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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עַתָּה	הַמְּבִלְעָד י	יְהוָה	עַל ה	עַל	הַמָּקוֹם וּמִ
H6258	without	it The LORD	Am I now come up	H5921	against this place
	H1107	H3068	H5927		H4725
הִזָּה	וְהִשְׁחִיתָהּ:	יְהוָה	אָמַר י	עַל ה	עַל
H2088	and destroy	it The LORD	said	H413	Am I now come up
	H7843	H3068	H559	H5927	H5921
הָאָרֶץ	וְהִשְׁחִיתָהּ:	הִזָּה אֶת			
against this land		and destroy			
H776	H2063	H7843			

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Kings 19:6** (References Lord): And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

