

2 Kings 18:25

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 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

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

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

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

בְּמֹקֵם עַל הַמִּבְלָעֵד יְהוָה עַל הַמִּבְלָעֵד יְהוָה
H6258 without it The LORD Am I now come up H5921 against this place
H1107 H3068 H5927 H4725

עַל הַמִּבְלָעֵד יְהוָה אָמַר רַבָּנִי אָמַר רַבָּנִי
H2088 and destroy it The LORD said Am I now come up H5921
H7843 H3068 H559 H413 H5927 H5921

בְּמֹקֵם עַל הַמִּבְלָעֵד יְהוָה
against this land H2063 and destroy H7843

Additional Cross-References

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.

