

2 Kings 18:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand:

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 18: Faithful reformation faces external pressure. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. 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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

גַּי חִזְקִיָּהוּ לֹא יִשְׁאַל אֶל הַמֶּלֶךְ לֹא יְבִטְחֶל אֶת־רַב־הָעָם אֶת־מִצְרַיִם
H3541 Thus saith H559 the king H4428 H408 deceive H5377 H0 Let not Hezekiah H2396 H3588
מִצְרַיִם לֹא יְבִטְחֶל אֶת־מִצְרַיִם לֹא יִשְׁאַל יְבִטְחֶל אֶל הַמֶּלֶךְ
H853 H3027 you out of his hand H5337 H3201 you for he shall not be able to deliver

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 32:15 (Kingdom): Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand?

