

2 Kings 18:30

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. 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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

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

וְאֵל H408	יַבִּטְךָ H982	אֶתְּךָ H853	חֲזַקֵּי הוּא H2396	אֵל H413	יְהוָה H3068	לֵאמֹר H559
	make you trust		Neither let Hezekiah		The LORD	saying
יִצִּילֵנוּ H5337	יִצִּילֵנוּ H5337	יְהוָה H3068	וְלֹא H3808	תִּנָּתֵן H5414	אֶת H853	הָעִיר וְעָמָהּ H5892
deliver	deliver	The LORD		shall not be delivered		us and this city
הִזָּאת H2063	בְּיָד H3027	מֶלֶךְ H4428	אַשּׁוּרִי H804			
	into the hand	of the king	of Assyria			