

# 2 Kings 18:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.**

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

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## 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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לְאִם־רִאֵת־הָיָה־כִּי־אַל־יְבֹט־חַזְקֵי־הָוֹן  
H408 make you trust H853 Neither let Hezekiah H413 The LORD H3068 saying  
H982 H2396 H3068 H559

כַּעֲשֵׂר־יְמִינֵת־נָאָת־עַל־אָנָּה־יְאַצֵּל־נָאָת־עַל־אָנָּה  
deliver deliver The LORD H3808 shall not be delivered H853 us and this city  
H5337 H5337 H3068 H5414 H853 H5892

בָּזָאת־בְּיַד־לְעַמּוֹד־אֶשְׁוֹרָה  
H2063 into the hand H3027 of the king H4428 of Assyria  
H804