

# 2 Kings 18:32

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

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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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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**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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| עַד<br>H5704          | בֹּאִי<br>H935               | וְלָקַחְתָּ יָ<br>H3947 | אֶתְּךָ מִן<br>H853   | אֶל<br>H413              | אֶרֶץ<br>H776         | אֶרֶץ<br>H776   | אֶרֶץ<br>H776   |
| Until I come          | and take you away            |                         |                       |                          | a land                | a land          | a land          |
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| דִּגְלָה<br>H1715     | וַיִּתֵּן וַיִּשְׂא<br>H8492 | אֶרֶץ<br>H776           | לֶחֶם<br>H3899        | וּבְכֶרֶם יַיִם<br>H3754 | אֶרֶץ<br>H776         | זֵיתֹן<br>H2132 | שֶׁמֶן<br>H3323 |
| of corn               | and wine                     | a land                  | of bread              | and vineyards            | a land                | olive           | of oil          |
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| וְדִבְשָׁה<br>H1706   | וְחִי וְשָׁלוֹם<br>H2421     | וְלֹא אָמָת<br>H3808    | וְלֹא תָמוּת<br>H4191 | וְלֹא<br>H408            | וְתִשְׁמָעוּ<br>H8085 |                 |                 |
| and of honey          | that ye may live             | and not die             | and not die           | and not die              | and hearken           |                 |                 |
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| חִזְקִיָּהוּ<br>H2396 | כִּי<br>H3588                | יִסָּד יֵת<br>H5496     | אֶתְּכֶם<br>H853      | לֵאמֹר<br>H559           | יְהוָה<br>H3068       |                 |                 |
| not unto Hezekiah     | when he persuadeth           | you saying              | The LORD              |                          |                       |                 |                 |
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| וְיִצְלָנוּ<br>H5337  |                              |                         |                       |                          |                       |                 |                 |
| will deliver          |                              |                         |                       |                          |                       |                 |                 |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 3:8** (Parallel theme): And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

**Deuteronomy 11:12** (References Lord): A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.