

# 2 Kings 18:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it.**

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

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

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## 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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בָּשָׁנָה הַזֹּאת	בְּרִיבִיעִית	מֶלֶךְ	חִזְקִיָּהוּ	וְיַהֲוֵה
H1961	year	And it came to pass in the fourth	king	Hezekiah
H8141		H7243	H4428	H1931

בָּשָׁנָה הַזֹּאת	בְּשִׁבְעַת יְמֵי	מֶלֶךְ	יְשָׁרָאֵל
year	which was the seventh	king	of Israel
H8141	H7637	H1954	H3478

בָּשָׁנָה הַזֹּאת	מֶלֶךְ	שְׁלֹמֹנָה סָרֵבָל	שָׁמָר וְנִזְבַּח	זָכַר
came up	that Shalmaneser	king	of Assyria	and besieged
H5927	H8022	H4428	H804	H6696

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Hosea 10:14** (Parallel theme): Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Beth-arbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces upon her children.

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