

# 2 Kings 19:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

## Analysis

**And Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 19: Faith vindicated through divine intervention. 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

**Historical Setting:** 2 Kings 19 takes place during Hezekiah's reign in Judah, late 8th century BCE, around 715-686 BCE. The chapter's theme (God Delivers Jerusalem) 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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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 19 regarding faith vindicated through divine intervention?
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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רְאֵךְ	רְאֵךְ	חִזְקִיָּהוּ	אָתָּה	מִן	מִן	מִן
received	And Hezekiah	H853	the letter	of the hand	of the messengers	
H3947	H2396		H5612	H3027		H4397
וְיָצַא	וְיָצַא	וְיָצַא	בְּיַתְּרָה	וְיָצַא	וְיָצַא	וְיָצַא
and read	went up	into the house	of the LORD	and spread	And Hezekiah	
H7121	H5927	H1004	H3068	H6566		H2396
לְפָנָיִם	לְפָנָיִם	לְפָנָיִם				
it before	of the LORD					
H6440	H3068					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 37:14** (References Lord): And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.

**Ezra 9:5** (References Lord): And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God,

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