

2 Kings 19:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 19: Faith vindicated through divine intervention. The prophetic ministry served as God's primary means of covenant enforcement, calling both kings and people to faithfulness. 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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

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

וַיִּשְׁלַח	אֶת	אֱלִיאִקִּים	אֲשֶׁר	עַל	הַבַּיִת
And he sent		Eliakim			which was over the household
H7971	H853	H471	H834	H5921	H1004
וּשְׁבָנָא	הַסֹּפֵר	וְאֵת	זִקְנֵי	הַכֹּהֲנִים	מִתְכַּסֵּים
and Shebna	the scribe		and the elders	of the priests	covered
H7644	H5608	H853	H2205	H3548	H3680
בְּשָׂקִים	אֶל	יִשְׁעֵי	הַנָּבִיא	בֶּן	אֲמוֹץ
with sackcloth		to Isaiah	the prophet	the son	of Amoz
H8242	H413	H3470	H5030	H1121	H531

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 1:1 (Parallel theme): The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Isaiah 2:1 (Parallel theme): The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

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