

2 Kings 19:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and
laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken
her head at thee.

Analysis

This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin the daughter of Zion hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

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

זֶה הַ	הַדָּבָר ר	אֲשֶׁר	דָּבָר ר	יְהוָה הַ	עַל יוֹ	בֶּן הַ
H2088	This is the word	H834	hath spoken	that the LORD	H5921	hath despised
	H1697		H1696	H3068		H959
לְבָ	לָעַג הַ	לְבָ	בְּתוֹלַת	בִּת		
H0	thee and laughed thee to scorn	H0	concerning him The virgin	the daughter		
	H3932		H1330			H1323
צִיּוֹן	אֵתְּךָ יְבָ	רֹאשׁ	הִנֵּנִי יֵשָׁה	בִּת	יְרוּשָׁלַם:	
of Zion	at thee	her head	hath shaken	the daughter	of Jerusalem	
H6726	H310	H7218	H5128	H1323	H3389	

Additional Cross-References

Lamentations 2:13 (References Jerusalem): What thing shall I take to witness for thee? what thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee?

Job 16:4 (Word): I also could speak as ye do: if your soul were in my soul's stead, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.

Jeremiah 14:17 (Word): Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

Matthew 27:39 (Parallel theme): And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads,

Psalms 109:25 (Parallel theme): I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me they shaked their heads.

Lamentations 2:15 (References Jerusalem): All that pass by clap their hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?