

2 Kings 19:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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

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| הֲלֹא | שָׁמַעְתָּ | לְמַחֲזֹק | אֵת הַ | עָשׂוּ יָדַי | לְמֵי יָמַי |
| H3808 | Hast thou not heard | long ago | H853 | how I have done | times |
| | H8085 | H7350 | | H6213 | H3117 |
| וְדָם | וַיַּצְרֵת יְהוָה | עֲתָה הַ | הַבִּיאת יְהוָה | וְתָהּ י | |
| it and of ancient | that I have formed | H6258 | it now have I brought | H1961 | |
| H6924 | H3335 | | H935 | | |
| | לְהָשׁוֹת | גְּלִי יָם | נֹצַר יָם | עָרֵי יָם | |
| it to pass that thou shouldst be to lay waste | | heaps | into ruinous | cities | |
| H7582 | | H1530 | H5327 | H5892 | |
| בְּצָרוֹת: | | | | | |
| fenced | | | | | |
| H1219 | | | | | |

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 45:7 (Parallel theme): I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.