

2 Kings 19:26

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

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

וַיִּשְׁבִּיָּהֶן	קִצְרֵי	יָד	חַתּוּ		
Therefore their inhabitants	were of small	power	they were dismayed		
H3427	H7116	H3027	H2865		
וַיִּבְּשׁוּ	הֵי וְ	עַשְׂבֵּי	שָׂדֵה	! יִרְקָה	
and confounded	H1961	they were as the grass	of the field	and as the green	
H954		H6212	H7704	H3419	
דָּשָׁא	חֲצִיר	בְּגוֹת	וּשְׂדֵפָה	לִפְנֵי	קָמָה:
herb	as the grass	on the housetops	and as corn blasted	before	it be grown up
H1877	H2682	H1406	H7711	H6440	H7054

