

# 2 Kings 19:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up.

## 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

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**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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**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

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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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וַיָּשִׁיבֵיכֶם      קָצְרִים      יְתִיר      וְתַזְמִינְתֶּם

Therefore their inhabitants      were of small      power      they were dismayed

H3427

H7116

H3027

H2865

שְׁאֵלָהָה      יְמִינְתֶּם      עַל-שְׁבָעָה      וְיַבְעֵשׂ

and confounded      H1961      they were as the grass      of the field      and as the green

H954

H6212

H7704

H3419

בְּמִמְהָא:      לְפָנֵיכֶם      וְשִׁידָךְ הַ

herb      as the grass      on the housetops      and as corn blasted      before      it be grown up

H1877

H2682

H1406

H7711

H6440

H7054

