

2 Kings 19:28

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through 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

וְעַל	הַתְּרִזְבֵּב	אֵל	וְעַל	וְעַל	הַתְּרִזְבֵּב	אֵל	וְעַל
H3282	Because thy rage	H413	against me and thy tumult	H7600	is come up	H5927	
H7264							
בְּאַזְנֵי	וְשִׁמְתֵּה	מִנְחָה	בְּאַפְתָּבְתְּ	בְּאַפְתָּבְתְּ	וְמִתְגַּי	בְּשִׁפְתִּיבְתְּ	
into mine ears	therefore I will put	my hook	in thy nose	and my bridle	in thy lips		
H241		H7760	H2397	H639	H4964	H8193	
וְעַבְשֵׂת	בְּתַת	בְּדַעַת	אֲשֶׁר	בְּאַתְּ	בְּתַת	בְּתַת	
and I will turn thee back	by the way	H834	by which thou camest	H935	H0	H0	
H7725		H1870					

Additional Cross-References

Ezekiel 29:4 (Parallel theme): But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales.

2 Kings 19:33 (Parallel theme): By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

Amos 4:2 (Parallel theme): The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.

Ezekiel 38:4 (Parallel theme): And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

Isaiah 30:28 (Parallel theme): And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err.

Job 41:2 (Parallel theme): Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn?