

# 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

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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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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through 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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עַל הַ	וְשֹׁאֲנוֹךְ	אֶל יְ	הַתְּרָגְזָךְ	יְ עַן
is come up	against me and thy tumult		Because thy rage	
H5927	H7600		H7264	H3282
בְּשִׁפְתֵי יָךְ	וּמִתְגִּי	בְּאַפִּיךָ	חֹמִי יְ	וְשִׁמְתִי יְ
in thy lips	and my bridle	in thy nose	my hook	therefore I will put
H8193	H4964	H639	H2397	H7760
בָּהּ:	בְּ אֵתְ	אֲשֶׁר	בְּדֶרֶךְ	וְהִשְׁבֹּתִי יָךְ
	by which thou camest		by the way	and I will turn thee back
H0	H935	H834	H1870	H7725

## Additional Cross-References

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**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?