

2 Kings 19:30

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

וְסָפָה	פָּלִיטָה	בֵּית	יְהוּדָה	הַנִּשְׁאָרָה	שָׁרְשָׁהּ
shall yet again	that is escaped	of the house	of Judah	And the remnant	take root
H3254	H6413	H1004	H3063	H7604	H8328
לְמַטָּה	וְעָשָׂה	פֶּרִי	לְמַעַלָּה:		
downward	and bear	fruit	upward		
H4295	H6213	H6529	H4605		

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 27:6 (Parallel theme): He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

2 Kings 19:4 (Parallel theme): It may be the LORD thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living

God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that are left.

Isaiah 1:9 (Parallel theme): Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

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