

2 Kings 19:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 19: Faith vindicated through divine intervention. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. 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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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

לְכֹךְ	כֹּה	אָמַר	יְהוָה	אֵל	מִלְּךָ	אֲשׁוּר
H3651	H3541	Therefore thus saith	the LORD	H413	concerning the king	of Assyria
		H559	H3068		H4428	H804
לֹא	יָבֹא	אֵל	הָעִיר	הַזֹּאת	וְלֹא	יִשְׁלֹחַ
H3808	He shall not come	H413	into this city	H2063	H3808	nor shoot
	H935		H5892			H3384
חֵץ	וְלֹא	יִקְדְּמוּ	מִגִּדִּי	וְלֹא	יִשְׁפֹּךְ	עַל יָדָהּ
an arrow	H3808	there nor come before	it with shield	H3808	nor cast	H5921
H2671		H6923	H4043		H8210	
קִלְעִי:						
a bank						
H5550						

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 20:15 (Parallel theme): And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maachah, and they cast up a bank against the city, and it stood in the trench: and all the people that were with Joab battered the wall, to throw it down.