

2 Kings 19:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor cast a bank against it.

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

אֲשֶׁר מִלְּגָנָן מִלְּגָנָן אֲשֶׁר
of Assyria concerning the king concerning the king
הַיְהוָה אֱמֹר אָמֹר כִּי
the LORD thus saith thus saith the LORD
לְכָה לְכָה כִּי
Therefore thus saith Therefore thus saith
H3651 H3541 H559 H3068 H413 H4428 H804

שָׁם יוֹצֵא אַל בְּעֵיר אַל
nor shoot into this city into this city
לֹא הַזֵּאת וְלֹא יִבָּא
nor shoot he shall not come
H3808 H935 H413 H5892 H2063 H3808 H3384 H8033

עַל יְדֵי שָׁפֵן וְלֹא מִצְמָה
nor cast it with shield there nor come before
עַל יְדֵי שָׁפֵן וְלֹא מִצְמָה
nor cast it with shield there nor come before
אָרֶן וְלֹא יִקְרַדֵּם
an arrow there nor come before
H2671 H3808 H6923 H4043 H3808 H8210 H5921

סַלְלוּה:

a bank

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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.

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