

2 Kings 19:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.

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. 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 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

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

בְּדֶרֶךְ	אֲשֶׁר	יָבֹא	כִּי הֵ	יֵשׁ וְ	וְאֵל
By the way	H834	and shall not come	H0	by the same shall he return	H413
H1870		H935		H7725	
הָעִיר	הַזֹּאת	לֹא	יָבֹא	נֹאֵם	יְהוָה:
into this city	H2063	H3808	and shall not come	saith	the LORD
H5892			H935	H5002	H3068

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 19:28 (Parallel theme): Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into mine ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.