

# 2 Kings 19:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.**

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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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by 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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<b>For I will defend</b>	<b>this city</b>	<b>to save</b>			
H1598	H413 H5892	H2063 H3467	H4616	H4616	
דָּוִד	עַבְדִּי:				
<b>David's</b>	<b>it for mine own sake and for my servant</b>				
H1732	H5650				

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Kings 20:6** (References David): And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

**1 Kings 15:4** (References David): Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem:

**Isaiah 31:5** (Parallel theme): As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it.

**Jeremiah 33:26** (References David): Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

**Isaiah 38:6** (Parallel theme): And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.

**Jeremiah 33:21** (References David): Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

**Isaiah 43:25** (Parallel theme): I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

**Isaiah 48:11** (Parallel theme): For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

**Isaiah 9:7** (References David): Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

**Ephesians 1:6** (Parallel theme): To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.