

2 Kings 19:37

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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 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

וַיְהִי	הָוָא	מְשַׁתַּחֲוֶה	בְּיֵת	נִסְרוֹךְ	
H1961	H1931	H7812	H1004	H5268	
And it came to pass as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch					
אֱלֹהֵי יוֹ	וַאֲדַמְמֵלֵךְ	וּשְׂרָאֵזֶר	בְּנוֹ	הִכָּהוּ	בַּחֶרֶב
H430	H152	H8272	H1121	H5221	H2719
his god	that Adrammelech	and Sharezer	his son	smote	him with the sword
וְהֵמָּה	וַנִּמְלֹטוּ	אֶרֶץ	אֲרָמֶנִיָּה	וַיִּמְלֹךְ	אֲסַר
H1992	H4422	H776	H780	H4427	H0
and they escaped		into the land	of Armenia	reigned	
וְעֵסָרְחַדְדֹן	בְּנוֹ	תַּחְתָּיו:			
H634	H1121	H8478			
And Esarhaddon	his son				

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 8:4 (Parallel theme): And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

Ezra 4:2 (Kingdom): Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither.

Jeremiah 51:27 (Kingdom): Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillers.

2 Kings 19:7 (Word): Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

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