

2 Kings 20:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 20: God's mercy and human presumption. 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 20 takes place during Hezekiah's reign in Judah, late 8th century BCE, around 715-686 BCE. The chapter's theme (Hezekiah's Illness and Recovery) 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

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 20 regarding god's mercy and human presumption?
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 כֹּל יָנְשֵׁ אֲלֵיכֶם הַנְּהָרָה
H2009 Behold the days come shall be carried H3605 H834
H3117 H935 H5375

אֲצִיר וְתָאַשֵּׁר בְּבֵיתךְ
that all that is in thine house have laid up in store
H1004 H834 H686

לֹא בְּבֵבֶל הַבָּבֶבֶל אֶבֶת יְהִי
and that which thy fathers into Babylon H3808 H894
H1 H5704 H3117 H2088

וְאֵת רָאַב רְאַבָּת רְאַבָּת יְהִי
shall be left nothing saith the LORD
H3498 H1697 H559 H3068

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 24:13 (References Lord): And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.

2 Chronicles 36:10 (References Lord): And when the year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

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