

2 Kings 20:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 20: God's mercy and human presumption. 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 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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of 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

וְהִסַּפְתִּי י	עַל	יָמֵי יְב	חֲמֵשׁ	עֶשְׂרֵה	שָׁנָה	וּמִכַּף
And I will add	H5921	unto thy days	fifteen	H6240	years	out of the hand
H3254		H3117	H2568		H8141	H3709
מֶלֶךְ	אַשּׁוּר	אֶצְיָלֵךְ	וְאֵת	הָעִיר	הַזֹּאת	
of the king	of Assyria	and I will deliver	H853	thee and this city	H2063	
H4428	H804	H5337		H5892		
וְגִבֹּתַי	עַל	הָעִיר	הַזֹּאת	לְמַעַן י	וְלִמֵּן עַן	דָּוִד
and I will defend	H5921	thee and this city	H2063	H4616	H4616	David's
H1598		H5892				H1732
עַבְדִּי:						
for mine own sake and for my servant						
H5650						

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 19:34 (References David): For I will defend this city, to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

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