

# 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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**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.**

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

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**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

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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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

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וְמִבְּרֹא שְׁאתָה הַשְׁרִירָה מִלְכָה וְהַסְּפָתִים  
And I will add unto thy days fifteen years out of the hand

H3254 H5921 H3117 H2568 H6240 H8141 H3709

בָּזָאת בָּעֵיר אֲצִילָה אֲשֹׁור מֶלֶךְ  
of the king of Assyria and I will deliver thee and this city  
H4428 H804 H5337 H853 H5892 H2063

בָּזָאת בָּעֵיר לְמַעַן יְגַפּוּתִי  
and I will defend thee and this city  
H1598 H5921 H5892 H2063 H4616 H4616 David's  
H1732

עַבְדִּי  
for mine own sake and for my servant  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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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