

# 2 Kings 23:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 23: Comprehensive reformation cannot avert certain judgment. 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

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**Historical Setting:** 2 Kings 23 takes place during the final century of Judah's existence, 7th century BCE, including Manasseh and Josiah's reigns. The chapter's theme (Josiah's Thorough Reforms) reflects the historical reality of the worst apostasy under Manasseh followed by the most thorough reforms under Josiah,

demonstrating that external righteousness cannot reverse God's determined judgment. 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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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 23 regarding comprehensive reformation cannot avert certain judgment?
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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לֹא אָנָה שֶׁ בָּשָׁר

H389

H3808

turned

יְהִי הָנִזְנֵן

H7725

Notwithstanding the LORD

H3068

מִמְּרֵרָה וְ

H2740

not from the fierceness

אֲפָגָה

wherewith his anger

H639

אֲשֶׁר הַפְּנִזְדָּל

of his great

H1419

H834

צְבָה הַ

was kindled

H2734

אֲפָגָה

wherewith his anger

H639

בְּיְהוּדָה

against Judah

H3063

כָּל עַל

H5921

H3605

הַפְּנִזְדָּס יְמִין

because of all the provocations

H3708

אֲשֶׁר רָ

H834

הַכְּעִיס וְ

had provoked

H3707

מִנְשָׁה:

that Manasseh

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## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Kings 24:4** (References Lord): And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon.

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