

2 Kings 23:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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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

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

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

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

אָנֹכִי	לֹא	שָׁב	יְהוָה	מִמֶּחֱרוֹן
H389	H3808			
	turned	Notwithstanding the LORD		not from the fierceness
	H7725		H3068	H2740
אֲפֹי		הַגָּדוֹל	אֲשֶׁר	חֲכָה
			H834	
wherewith his anger		of his great	was kindled	wherewith his anger
H639		H1419	H2734	H639
בִּיהוּדָה	עַל	כָּל	הַכְעָסִים	אֲשֶׁר
	H5921	H3605		H834
against Judah		because of all the provocations		had provoked
H3063		H3708		H3707
מְנַשֶּׁה:				
that Manasseh				
H4519				

Additional Cross-References

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.
