

2 Kings 23:27

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

מַעַל הַסְּרִתִי יְהוָה אֶמְרָתִי
of which I said And the LORD H1571 H853

יְהוּדָה אֶלְמַנְחָתִי
Judah I will remove H3063 H5493

וְמִאַסְתִּי יְשַׁבָּא לְפָנָי
also out of my sight H834 I will remove H853 Israel and will cast off H3478 H3988

וְאַתָּה יְרַשְּׁלָם אֶת בָּם רַתִּי
this city H2063 H834 which I have chosen H977

אֶת יְהוָה אֶלְמַנְחָתִי
Jerusalem H3389 H853

שְׁמִי יְהוָה אֶמְרָתִי אֲשֶׁר הַבָּבִית
and the house H1004 H834 of which I said H559 My name H8034

שְׁמִי
H8033

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 21:13 (References Jerusalem): And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.

2 Kings 18:11 (References Israel): And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes:

Jeremiah 33:24 (References Lord): Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

2 Kings 17:18 (References Lord): Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

2 Kings 21:4 (References Lord): And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name.

2 Kings 17:20 (References Lord): And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

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