

# 2 Kings 23:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

## Analysis

**And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.**

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

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## 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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וַיִּתְשַׁבֵּךְ	אֶת	מִם	בְּתִים	בְּקָדְשֵׁים	רָאשׁ	אֶשְׁר	בְּתִים
<b>And he brake down</b>	H853	<b>hangings</b>	<b>of the sodomites</b>	H834		<b>hangings</b>	
H5422		H1004	H6945			H1004	
לְאַשְׁרָה:		בְּתִים	שָׁמֶן	אֶרְגָּזֶת	הַפְּשִׁים	יְמִינָה	אֶשְׁר
<b>of the LORD</b>	H834	<b>where the women</b>	H802	H8033		<b>wove</b>	
H3068				H707		H1004	<b>hangings for the grove</b>
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Ezekiel 16:16** (Parallel theme): And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so.

**1 Kings 15:12** (Parallel theme): And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

**1 Kings 14:24** (References Lord): And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

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