

2 Kings 4:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 4: God's compassionate power through His prophet. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. The prophetic ministry served as God's primary means of covenant enforcement, calling both kings and people to faithfulness. During this period, Israel and Judah struggled with persistent idolatry, particularly Baal worship introduced under Ahab and Jezebel.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: 2 Kings 4 takes place during the Elisha prophetic ministry, approximately 850-800 BCE. The chapter's theme (Elisha's Miracles of Provision and Life) reflects the historical reality of God's compassionate provision through prophetic miracles while both kingdoms struggled with persistent idolatry. 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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 4 regarding god's compassionate power through his prophet?
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

וַתִּקְרָא	אֶל	אֶת הָאִישׁ	וַתֹּאמֶר	שְׁלַח הָ	נָא	לִי	וְאֶחָד
And she called	H413	to the man	and said	Send	H4994	H0	and one
H7121		H376	H559	H7971			H259
מִן	הַנְּעָרִים	וְאֶחָד	הָאֲתָנֹת	וְאֶרְצָה	עַד	אֶת הָאִישׁ	
H4480	of the young men	and one	of the asses	that I may run	H5704	to the man	
	H5288	H259	H860	H7323		H376	
הָאֱלֹהִים	וְאֵשׁוּבָה:						
of God	and come again						
H430	H7725						

