

# 2 Kings 4:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite:**

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

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**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

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

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

## Study Questions

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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

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לְגַךְ	אֵל	וַיָּבֹא	וְתַתְּלַבְּשָׂ	אִישׁ	אֵל	בְּאֱלֹהִים
H1980		H413		And it came to pass when the man	of God	H413
	and came					
	H935		H376		H430	
לְרַכְבָּה	אֵל	וְתַתְּלַבְּשָׂ	אִישׁ			
to mount	Carmel		saw her afar off	And it came to pass when the man		
H2022	H3760	H1961	H7200		H376	
בְּאֱלֹהִים	אֵל	וְתַתְּלַבְּשָׂ	אִישׁ	בְּגַעֲרָה	אֵל	בְּגַעֲרָה
of God				to Gehazi	his servant	H2009
H430	H853	H5048	H413	H1522	H5288	
בְּשׁוֹנְםִתִּי	בְּלֹא:					
Behold yonder is that Shunammite	that					
H7767	H1975					

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Kings 2:25** (Parallel theme): And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

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