

2 Kings 4:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 4: God's compassionate power through His prophet. 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

Ephesians 2:8 – Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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 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

שלום: ל ה ות אמר לך אמרתך נ א רוץ עטה

וְתִּאמֶר לְלִדְךָ שָׁלוֹם: לְאִישׁ הָרֶב שָׁלוֹם: לְרַבָּה שָׁלוֹם:

HO **It is well with thy husband** **It is well with the child** **And she answered**
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שָׁלוֹם:

It is well

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Additional Cross-References

Acts 15:36 (Parallel theme): And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do.

1 Samuel 17:18 (Parallel theme): And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.

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