

# 2 Kings 4:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.**

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

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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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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## 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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וַיֹּאמֶר	וְקַחְוּ	קֶמַח	וַיִּשְׁלֵךְ	אֶל	בַּסִּיר:	וַיֹּאמֶר
But he said	Then bring	meal	And he cast	H413	in the pot	But he said
H559	H3947	H7058	H7993		H5518	H559
צֵק	לְעָם	וַיֵּאכְלוּ	וְלֹא	הָיָה	וְכָר	
Pour out	for the people	that they may eat	H3808	H1961	And there was no harm	
H3332	H5971	H398			H1697	
בַּסִּיר:	כֵּן					
H7451	in the pot					
	H5518					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 15:25** (Parallel theme): And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them,

**2 Kings 2:21** (Parallel theme): And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land.

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