

2 Kings 5:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 5: God's grace extends to Gentiles; judgment on greed. 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 5 takes place during the Elisha prophetic ministry, approximately 850-800 BCE. The chapter's theme (Naaman's Healing and Gehazi's

Greed) 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

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 5 regarding God's grace extends to gentiles; judgment on greed?
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

וַיָּשָׁב	אֶל	אֶל יִשָּׁ	אֱלֹהִים	ה וְא	וְכָל	מִחַנֵּה הוּ
And he returned	H413	to the man	of God	H1931	H3605	he and all his company
H7725		H376	H430			H4264
וַיָּבֹא	וַעֲמָד	לְפָנָיו	וַיֹּאמֶר	הִנֵּה	נָ א	יָדַעְתִּי
and came	and stood	before	him and he said	H2009	H4994	Behold now I know
H935	H5975	H6440	H559			H3045
יְיָ	אֱלֹהִים	בְּכָל	הָאָרֶץ	יְיָ	אֲמָ	לְבִישָׁרָא
H3588	H369	of God	H3605	in all the earth	H3588	H518
	H430		H776			H3478
קָח	נָ א	בְּרִכָּה	מֵאֵת	עַבְדְּךָ:		
now therefore I pray thee take	H4994	a blessing	H853	of thy servant		
H3947		H1293		H5650		

Additional Cross-References

Daniel 2:47 (References God): The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.

Isaiah 44:8 (References God): Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

Isaiah 44:6 (References God): Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

Isaiah 45:6 (Sin): That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

Romans 10:10 (Parallel theme): For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

2 Corinthians 9:5 (Parallel theme): Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

Joshua 9:9 (References God): And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,

1 Kings 18:36 (References God): And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

2 Kings 5:8 (References God): And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.

1 Samuel 25:27 (Sin): And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.