

2 Kings 5:21

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 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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

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

וַיִּרְדֵּי רָ	גִּיְחָזִי י	אַחֲרָיִי	וַעֲמַן	וַיֵּרָא ה	וַעֲמַן
followed	So Gehazi	after	And when Naaman	saw	And when Naaman
H7291	H1522	H310	H5283	H7200	H5283
כָּץ	אַחֲרָיִי	וַיִּפֹּל ל	מֵעַל	הַמְּרִכָבָה ה	
him running	after	him he lighted down	H5921	from the chariot	
H7323	H310	H5307		H4818	
לִקְרֹאת ו	וַיֹּאמֶר	הַשְּׁלוֹם:			
to meet	him and said	Is all well			
H7125	H559	H7965			