

2 Kings 5:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

Analysis

And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

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

וְאֵת הַזֹּאת	לֹא	מִלְאָמָר	שֶׁלּוּ	לִאמְרָה	הַבָּנָה	עַתָּה	הַבָּנָה
And he said	All is well	My master	hath sent	And he said	H2009	H6258	H2088
H559	H7965	H113	H7971	H559			
בְּאֹתוֹ	וְשִׁתְּתִי	אֶל-	מִמֶּרְבָּךְ				
Behold even now there be come			and two	young men	to me from mount		
H935			H413	H8147	H5288	H2022	
אֶפְרַיִם	וּבָנָיו	מִנְהָיוּ	תְּנַהֵה	לְקַרְבָּן			
Ephraim	of the sons	of the prophets	give	H4994	H0		
H669	H1121	H5030	H5414				
כְּכָרְכָר	וְשִׁתְּתִי	כְּסָף	בְּגִידִים	חַלְפָה	וְתַתְּתִי	כְּסָף	
them I pray thee a talent	of silver	and two	changes	of garments			
H3603	H3701	H8147	H2487	H899			

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 5:5 (Parallel theme): And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment.