

2 Kings 5:25

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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

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

וְהוּא H1931	בָּא H935	וַעֲמָד H5975	אֶל H413	אֶדְנִי H113	וַיֹּאמֶר H559	אֵלָיו H413
	But he went in	and stood		before his master	And he said	
וְאֵלִישָׁע H477	עָלָיו H370	מֵאֵי H370	גֵּחֲזִי H1522	וַיֹּאמֶר H559	לֹא H3808	הָלַךְ H1980
And Elisha	unto him	Whence	comest thou Gehazi	And he said		went
עַבְדְּךָ H5650	וְאֵינֶה H575	וְאֵינֶה H575				
Thy servant	no whither	no whither				

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 5:22 (Parallel theme): 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.

