

# 2 Kings 5:6

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 reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. 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 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

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**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 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

לְאָמֵר יְשַׁבָּא לְ	מֶלֶךְ אֶל	בְּסַפֵּר אֶל	וְאֶל	וְאֶל	וְאֶל	וְאֶל
<b>And he brought</b>	<b>Now when this letter</b>		H413	<b>to the king</b>	<b>of Israel</b>	<b>saying</b>
H935	H5612			H4428	H3478	H559
וְעַתָּה	וְאֶל	וְאֶל	וְאֶל	וְאֶל	וְאֶל	וְאֶל
H6258	<b>And he brought</b>	<b>Now when this letter</b>	H5612	H2088	H413	H2009
	H935		H5612			
שְׁלַח-תִּ	אֶל-יְהוּדָה	בְּזִהְבָּבָרָה	בְּזִהְבָּבָרָה	אֶל-יְהוּדָה	בְּזִהְבָּבָרָה	בְּזִהְבָּבָרָה
unto thee behold I have therewith sent						
H7971						
נָאָמֵן	אֶל-יְהוּדָה	אֶל-יְהוּדָה	אֶל-יְהוּדָה	אֶל-יְהוּדָה	אֶל-יְהוּדָה	אֶל-יְהוּדָה
<b>unto thee that thou mayest recover</b>	<b>him of his leprosy</b>		H413	H853	<b>Naaman</b>	<b>my servant</b>
H622	H6883				H5283	H5650
וְאַסְפַּת-ךְ	מִצְרָעָתְךָ					

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