

2 Kings 6:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 6: God's protection and provision for His servants. 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

Historical Setting: 2 Kings 6 takes place during the Elisha prophetic ministry, approximately 850-800 BCE. The chapter's theme (Miracles and Siege) 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

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 6 regarding god's protection and provision for his servants?
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

עַל	אֲבָן	מִלְּנָה	לְבָבֶךָ	וּפְעָרָךְ	was sore troubled	Therefore the heart	me which of us is for the king	of Syria	H5921
					H5590	H3820	H4428	H758	
אֲלֵיכֶם	תִּיְּמָרְךָ	עֲבָדָיו	אֶל	תִּקְרַב אֵלֶיךָ	for this thing	and he called	his servants	and said	H413
					H1697	H2088	H413	H413	
אֶל	מִשְׁלַחֲךָ	מִלְּנָה	לְ	תִּשְׁפַּת יְהוָה	unto them Will ye not shew				H413
					H3808	H5046	H0	H4310	
יְשָׁרָאֵל:	מִלְּנָה				me which of us is for the king	of Israel			
					H4428	H3478			

