

2 Kings 6:12

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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

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

כִּי	לֵךְ	לְךָ	אֲדֹנָי	י	לֹא	מֵעַבְדְּךָ	יְהוָה	אֶחָד	וַיֹּאמֶר
			None	my	lord			And one	said
H3588			H113			H5650	H3808	H259	H559

אֶת	יִשְׂרָאֵל	לֵךְ	לְךָ	יֹגִיד	יִשְׂרָאֵל	לֵךְ	אֲשֶׁר	הַנָּבִיא	אֵלִישָׁה
	of Israel	O king		telleth	of Israel			the prophet	but Elisha
H853	H3478	H4428		H5046	H3478	H3478	H834	H5030	H477

מִשְׁכַּבְּךָ:	בְּחֹדֶר	רַחֲמֶיךָ	אֲשֶׁר	הַדְּבָרִים
	in thy	that thou		the words
H4904	H2315	H1696	H834	H1697

Additional Cross-References

Amos 3:7 (Prophecy): Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Isaiah 29:15 (References Lord): Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

Ecclesiastes 10:20 (Kingdom): Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

2 Kings 5:3 (Prophecy): And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

Daniel 2:47 (Kingdom): The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.

2 Kings 5:8 (Kingdom): And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.