

2 Kings 6:15

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 divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

לֹא אָשָׁם
and gone forth
H3318

בְּאֶלְ�הִים
of God
H430

לְקֹדֶם
was risen
H6965

אָשָׁם
a man
H376

מִשְׁרָת
of the servant
H8334

רֹאשׁ
early
H7925

וְהַבָּה
and chariots
H7393

בְּעִיר
the city
H5892

בְּסֻבְבָּן
both with horses
H5483

בְּבָבָל
compassed
H5437

בְּהַלְלָה
host
H2428

בְּהַלְלָה
behold an host
H2009

אֵיךְ הָאָדָם
my master
H349

אָבָה
unto him Alas
H162

אֶלְעָזָר
Alas
H413

אָמַר
said
H559

אָמַר
And his servant
H5288

בְּעִשָּׂה:

how shall we do

H6213

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 8:26 (Parallel theme): And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

2 Chronicles 20:12 (References God): O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

Psalms 53:5 (References God): There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

Exodus 24:13 (References God): And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.