

2 Kings 6:19

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 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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 – Confession and belief for salvation

1 John 4:8 – God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 – Characteristics of love

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

בְּדָרְךָ	לֹא	אֶלְיָשָׁע	אֶלְקָם	וְאָמַר
said	H413	And Elisha	H3808	H2088
H559		H477		unto them This is not the way
				H1870
אֶל	אַתֶּךָ	מִאָוֶל	וְכָה	אָמַר
בְּ	זֶה	בָּעֵיר	לְכָה	אָמַר
H3808	neither is this	the city	H1980	H310
H2090		H5892		H1980
				H853
				H413
שְׁמַרְגָּה:	אָזְתָּם	וְלֹךְ	תְּבַקֵּשׁ	אֲשֶׁר
you to the man	H834	whom ye seek	H1980	H853
H376		H1245		them to Samaria
				H8111