

# 2 Kings 6:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.**

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

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**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

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**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

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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

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אָה ל א אָליש ע אָלֶה ם וַי אָמַר	הַדֶּרֶךְ
<b>said</b> H559	<b>unto them This is not the way</b> H1870
H413	<b>And Elisha</b> H477
H3808	H2088
אָל אָתְכֶ ם וְאֹל יָכָה אָחֲבִי לָכֵ ן הָעִיר זֶה וְלֹא	
<b>neither is this</b> H2090	<b>the city</b> H5892
H3808	H1980
H310	H1980
H853	H413
שְׁמֶרֹנָה: אוֹת ם וַי לָהּ תִבְקֹשׁ ן אִשָּׁר הָא יֵשׁ	
<b>you to the man</b> H376	<b>whom ye seek</b> H1245
H834	H1980
H853	<b>them to Samaria</b> H8111