

2 Kings 6:2

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

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

מִשְׁמָךְ	וְיַעֲשֵׂה	לְקֹדֶשׁ	בְּרֵד	עַד	אֵת	תְּלִכָּה
H8033	H3947	H3383	H5704	H4994	H1980	
we pray thee unto Jordan	and take					
מִקְרָם	שָׁמֶן	לְכָה	נָא	אֵשׁ	אֵת	תְּלִכָּה
H4725	H8033	H0	H6213	H259	H6982	thence every man
us a place						
לְכָה	שָׁמֶן	אֵשׁ	אָמַר	בָּתְּ	לְשָׁ	תְּלִכָּה
H1980	H559	H3427	H8033	H259	H6982	there where we may dwell
And he answered						

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