

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

וְנִלְכָּה	נָ א	עַד	הַיַּרְדֵּי	וְנִקְחָהּ	מִשָּׁם
H1980	H4994	H5704	we pray thee unto Jordan	and take	H8033
			H3383	H3947	
אִישׁ	אֶת	קוֹכַב	וְנַעֲשֶׂה	לָנוּ	שָׁם
thence every man	beam	a	and let us make	H0	H8033
H376	H6982	H259	H6213		
לָשׁוּבָה	שָׁם	וַיֹּאמֶר	לָכֹ:		
there where we may dwell	H8033	And he answered	H1980		
H3427		H559			