

2 Kings 6:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king.

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 6: God's protection and provision for His servants. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. 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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

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

וְהָיָה	הַמֶּלֶךְ:	יִשְׂרָאֵל ל	עָבַר	עַל	הַחֹמָה הַ	וְאִשָּׁה הַ
H1961	And as the king	of Israel	was passing by	H5921	upon the wall	a woman
	H4428	H3478	H5674		H2346	H802
וְהָיָה	אֵלָיו	לְאָמֹר	הוֹשֵׁה יְעֹה	אֲדֹנָי	הַמֶּלֶךְ:	
there cried	H413	unto him saying	Help	my lord	And as the king	
H6817		H559	H3467	H113	H4428	

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 14:4 (Kingdom): And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, Help, O king.

Isaiah 10:3 (Parallel theme): And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?

Acts 21:28 (References Israel): Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

Luke 18:3 (Parallel theme): And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

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