

2 Kings 6:29

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

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

בַּיּוֹם אֵלֶיךָ תָּאמַן רְאֵת אֶת יְנֻבָּשׁ לְ
So we boiled H853 her son H1121 and did eat H398 him and I said H559 H413 day H3117

תָּמַן רְאֵת אֶת בְּנָהָה אֶת אֶכְלֵת כִּי
unto her on the next Give H853 her son H1121 and did eat H398 him and she hath hid H2244

אֶת בְּנָהָה
H853 her son H1121

Additional Cross-References

Deuteronomy 28:53 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:

Leviticus 26:29 (Parallel theme): And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.

Deuteronomy 28:57 (Parallel theme): And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

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