

2 Kings 6:31

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 divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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

אָם	יוֹסֵף	וְכֵן	אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	לֵי יְעִשָּׂה	כֹּה	וַיֹּאמֶר
	so and more	and	God	do		Then he said
H518	H3254	H3541	H430	H6213	H3541	H559
עַל יוֹ	שָׁפָט	בֶּן	אֵלִישָׁה	רִאשׁ	יַעֲמֹד	
	of Shaphat	the son	of Elisha	also to me if the head	shall stand	
H5921	H8202	H1121	H477	H7218	H5975	
הַיּוֹם:						
on him this day						
H3117						

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 19:2 (References God): Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.

Ruth 1:17 (Parallel theme): Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried:
the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

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