

2 Kings 6:33

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 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of 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

עִזָּה
H5750

מִדְבָּר

And while he yet talked

H1696

וְהִנֵּה הַעֲמָד

H5973

H2009

פָּמָלָא רֹ

with them behold the messenger

H4397

וַיַּעֲלֵה

came down

H3381

אֵל יְהִי

H413

לֵאמֹר

unto him and he said

H559

הִנֵּה

H2009

זֶה אֶת

H2063

בְּרִעָה

Behold this evil

H7451

מֵאָת

H853

לְיִהְיֶה הָ

for the LORD

H3068

אָזְמַר יְלֹ

what should I wait

H3176

לְיִהְיֶה הָ

for the LORD

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Additional Cross-References

Job 2:9 (Parallel theme): Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

Isaiah 8:21 (Parallel theme): And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward.

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