

2 Kings 6:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Syrians are come down.

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 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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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

וְשָׁלַח	אֵל יֵשׁ	הָאֱלֹהִים יִם	אֶל	מֶלֶךְ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	לֵאמֹר
sent	And the man	of God	H413	unto the king	of Israel	saying
H7971	H376	H430		H4428	H3478	H559
הִשָּׁמֶר	מִעַבְרָה	הַמָּקוֹם	הַזֶּה	כִּי	שָׁמָּה	
Beware	that thou pass	a place	not such	H3588	H8033	
H8104	H5674	H4725	H2088			
אֶחָד	נִחְתָּמִים:					
for thither the Syrians	are come down					
H758	H5185					

Additional Cross-References

Amos 3:7 (References God): Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

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