

2 Kings 6:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying,
Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the
Syrians are come down.

Analysis

And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.

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

לְאָמֵן רְאֵת יִשְׂרָאֵל וְשָׁלַח
sent And the man of God unto the king of Israel saying

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שְׁמַע כִּי הַנִּשְׁמַר מִשְׁעָבָר וְמִבְּמִקְדָּשׁ
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בְּנַחֲתִים:

for thither the Syrians are come down

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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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