

2 Kings 7:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 7: God's supernatural deliverance and human unbelief judged. 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 7 takes place during the Elisha prophetic ministry, approximately 850-800 BCE. The chapter's theme (Deliverance from Famine) 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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 7 regarding god's supernatural deliverance and human unbelief judged?
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

לָהֶם	וְגַּם יָדוּ	הָעִיר	נָשַׁע רַ	אֶל	וְקָרָאוּ	בָּ אֲנֹ
H1992	and they told	of the city	unto the porter	H413	and called	So they came
	H5046	H5892	H7778		H7121	H935
שָׁם	אֵין	וְהִנֵּה	אֲכָם	מַחֲנֵה	אֶל	בָּ אֲנֹ
H8033	H369	H2009	of the Syrians	to the camp	H413	So they came
			H758	H4264		H935
הָסוּסִים	אֲמָ	כִּי	אֲדָם	וְקוֹל	אֵין	אֵין
but horses	H518	H3588	of man	there neither voice	and behold there was no man	
H5483			H120	H6963	H376	
הִנֵּה:	כַּאֲשֶׁר	וְאֶהָלִים	אֲסוּר	וְהָאֲסוּרִים	אֲסוּר	אֲסוּר
H1992	H834	and the tents	tied	and asses	tied	tied
		H168	H631	H2543	H631	H631