

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

לִקְם	לִקְרָא	בְּ אָנוֹ	אֶל	שָׁעַر	בָּעֵיר	בְּ יְדֵי	לְקָם
So they came	and called	H413	unto the porter	H7778	of the city	and they told	H1992
H935	H7121				H5892	H5046	
לְאָמָר	מִלְכִינְה	בְּ אָנוֹ	אֶל	אֶלְמָמָן	אֶלְמָמָן	וְהַבְּהָה	שְׁמָאֵן
them saying	So they came	H413	to the camp	H4264	of the Syrians	H2009	H8033
H559	H935				H758	H369	
אִישׁ	וְלֹיקְרָא			כִּי אֶלְמָמָן	אֶלְמָמָן	וְלֹא	בְּטַמְּן
and behold there was no man	there neither voice	H376	H6963	H120	H3588	H518	but horses
							H5483
קָאשָׁר	וְאֶבֶל יִם	אָס וְרָא	וְקָחָם וְרָא	קָאשָׁר	בְּמִתְהָה		
tied	and asses	H631	H168	H834	H1992		
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