

2 Kings 7:13

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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 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

תִּיעַן	אַתָּה	מְשֻׁבֵּד	וְאָמַר	וְיִקְרֹב	בְּאָמֵן	חַמְשָׁה
answered	And one	of his servants	and said	Let some take	H4994	I pray thee five
H6030	H259	H5650	H559	H3947		H2568

מִן	H4480	of the horses	H5483	הַשְׁאָרָוֹת	H7604	הַשְׁאָרָוֹת	H7604	בָּהֶם	H2009	בְּכָל	H3605
		that are left				that are left					

בָּם וְ	נִשְׁאָרָו	אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁרָאֵל	that are left of Israel
in it behold I say they are even as all the multitude	H1995	H3478	H7604

וְנִרְאָה: וְנִשְׁלַחַת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ
that are consumed and let us send and see
H834 H8552 H7971 H7200

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