

# 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

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**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

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**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

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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

וַיַּעַן	אֶחָד	מֵעַבְדֵי יוֹ	וַיֹּאמֶר	וַיִּקְחוּ	נָא	חֲמִשָּׁה
answered	And one	of his servants	and said	Let some take	H4994	I pray thee five
H6030	H259	H5650	H559	H3947		H2568
מִן	הַסּוּסִים	נִשְׁאַרוּ	אֲשֶׁר	נִשְׁאַרוּ	בָּהֶם	כָּכָל
H4480	of the horses	that are left	H834	that are left	H0	H3605
	H5483	H7604		H7604		
	הֵם	וְ	נִשְׁאַרוּ	אֲשֶׁר	יִשְׂרָאֵל	נִשְׁאַרוּ
	in it behold	I say they are even as all the multitude	of Israel	H834	that are left	
		H1995		H3478		H7604
כָּכָל	הֵם	וְ	נִשְׁאַרוּ	אֲשֶׁר	יִשְׂרָאֵל	נִשְׁאַרוּ
H0	H2009	H3605	in it behold	I say they are even as all the multitude	of Israel	
				H1995		H3478
אֲשֶׁר	תִּמְו	וְנִשְׁלַח	וְנִרְאָה:			
H834	that are consumed	and let us send	and see			
	H8552	H7971	H7200			