

2 Kings 7:15

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 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 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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

אַתָּה	תַּלְכֵד	עַד	אֶפְרַיִם	עַד	וְיָצַא	כָּל	וְלֹא	פֶּן
H1980	after	H5704	them unto	Jordan	H2009	H3605	and lo all the way	
	H310			H3383			H1870	
מָלָא	הַשְׁלֵמָה	אֲשֶׁר	וְכָל	יִם	בְּגִדִּים	אֲבָכָה		
was full	of garments	and vessels	H834	had cast away	which the Syrians			
H4392	H899	H3627		H7993	H758			
בָּהָרְפָּא	וְיִשְׁבַּת	וְיִמְלָא	וְיִמְלָא	וְיִתְּדַבֵּר	לְמִלְחָמָה			
in their haste	returned	And the messengers	and told	the king				
H2648	H7725	H4397	H5046	H4428				

