

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

וְלֹכֻ וְ	אַחֲרֵיהֶם	עַד	הַיַּרְדֵּן	וְהָיָה	כָּל	הַדֶּרֶךְ
H1980	after H310	H5704	them unto Jordan H3383	H2009	H3605	and lo all the way H1870
מְלֶאכֶה	בְּגָדִים	וְכֵלִים	אֲשֶׁר	הִשְׁלִיכוּ	אֲבָם	
was full H4392	of garments H899	and vessels H3627	H834	had cast away H7993	which the Syrians H758	
בְּהֶחָפְזָם	וַיָּשׁוּבוּ	הַמְּלָאכִים	וַיֹּדוּ	לְמֶלֶךְ:		
in their haste H2648	returned H7725	And the messengers H4397	and told H5046	the king H4428		

