

2 Kings 7:8

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

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

וַיָּבֹאוּ הַמְּצֹרְעִים לָהּ עַד קֵצֵה הַקֵּץ
and entered And when these lepers to the uttermost part
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וַיֵּשְׁתּוּ וַיֹּאכְלוּ אֶחָד אֶל־הַטֶּנֶת וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל־הַמַּחֲנֶה
and did eat and drink into one tent and entered of the camp
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וַיִּטְמְנוּ: וְלָכֵךְ וַיִּבְגְּדוּ יָם וְזָהָב כֶּסֶף מִשָּׁם וַיִּשָּׂא וַיִּטְמְנוּ:
and carried and hid and raiment and gold thence silver and hid
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וַיֵּשְׁתּוּ בּוֹ וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל־הַטֶּנֶת אֶחָד אֶל־הַטֶּנֶת וַיִּשָּׂא וַיִּטְמְנוּ:
it and came again and entered tent into another and carried and hid
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וַיִּטְמְנוּ: וְלָכֵךְ וַיִּטְמְנוּ:
and hid
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 13:44 (Parallel theme): Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Joshua 7:21 (Parallel theme): When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.