

# 2 Kings 7:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.

## Analysis

**And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.**

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

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## 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

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וַיַּבְאֵן אֶלְעָזֶר וְאֶלְעָזֶר אֶלְעָזֶר וְאֶלְעָזֶר  
and entered And when these lepers

H935

H6879

עַד בְּאֶלְעָזֶר

H428

H5704

וְאֶלְעָזֶר

H7097

וְאֶלְעָזֶר וְאֶלְעָזֶר וְאֶלְעָזֶר וְאֶלְעָזֶר  
of the camp and entered tent into one and did eat and drink

H4264

H935

H168

H259

H398

H8354

וְאֶלְעָזֶר וְאֶלְעָזֶר וְאֶלְעָזֶר וְאֶלְעָזֶר  
and carried thence silver and gold and raiment and hid

H5375

H8033

H3701

H2091

H899

H1980

H2934

וְאֶלְעָזֶר וְאֶלְעָזֶר וְאֶלְעָזֶר וְאֶלְעָזֶר  
it and came again and entered tent into another and carried

H7725

H935

H413

H168

H312

H8033

וְאֶלְעָזֶר וְאֶלְעָזֶר  
and hid

H1980

H2934

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.