

# 2 Kings 21:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 21: Unprecedented wickedness brings irreversible judgment. In Judah's later history, we see both genuine reforms and deep-rooted corruption, revealing that external religious activity cannot substitute for heart transformation.

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 21 takes place during the final century of Judah's existence, 7th century BCE, including Manasseh and Josiah's reigns. The chapter's theme (Manasseh and Amon's Evil Reigns) reflects the historical reality of the worst apostasy under Manasseh followed by the most thorough reforms under Josiah, demonstrating that external righteousness cannot reverse God's

determined judgment. 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

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 21 regarding unprecedented wickedness brings irreversible judgment?
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

אָסָף וְלָא	לְבָנִיד	רַגֵּל	לִשְׁרָאֵל
H3808	<b>any more</b>	<b>move</b>	<b>Neither will I make the feet</b>
H3254		H5110	
			H4480
אָמַם בְּקָרָא לְאָבוֹת מֵאָדָם הָ	נָתַת תִּי אָשָׁר רָא	לְאָבוֹת מֵאָדָם הָ	אָמַם בְּקָרָא לְאָבוֹת מֵאָדָם הָ
<b>out of the land</b>	H834	<b>which I gave</b>	<b>their fathers</b>
H127		H5414	
			H7535
			H518
אָשָׁר כְּכָל לְעַשׂ וְתִי שְׁמַר וְ	אָשָׁר כְּכָל לְעַשׂ וְתִי שְׁמַר וְ	אָשָׁר כְּכָל לְעַשׂ וְתִי שְׁמַר וְ	אָשָׁר כְּכָל לְעַשׂ וְתִי שְׁמַר וְ
<b>only if they will observe</b>	<b>to do</b>	H3605	H834
H8104		H6213	
אָזְנוּ הָ	אַלְכָל	בְּתוֹךְ הָ	בְּתוֹךְ הָ
<b>according to all that I have commanded</b>	H3605	<b>them and according to all the</b>	H8451
H6680			
אָשָׁר	אָזְנוּ הָ	אַתְּ מָ	עֲבָד יְ
H834	<b>according to all that I have commanded</b>	H853	<b>that my servant</b>
	H6680		H5650

## Additional Cross-References

**2 Samuel 7:10** (References Israel): Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

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