

# 2 Kings 4:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 4: God's compassionate power through His prophet. 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

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**Historical Setting:** 2 Kings 4 takes place during the Elisha prophetic ministry, approximately 850-800 BCE. The chapter's theme (Elisha's Miracles of Provision and Life) 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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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 4 regarding god's compassionate power through his prophet?
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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וַתַּחֲבֹשׁ	הָאֵת וֶן	אָמַרְתִּי	אֶל	נַעֲרָהּ	נָהֵג	וְלִי	אֶל
Then she saddled	an ass	and said	H413	to her servant	Drive	H1980	H408
H2280	H860	H559		H5288	H5090		
לִי	לֹא תִרְכָּב	כִּי	אָמַרְתִּי	אֵם	וְלִי	לֵךְ:	
slack	not thy riding	H3588	H518	and said	H0		
H6113	H7392			H559			

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