

# 2 Kings 4:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.**

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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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**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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אֶל	וַיֹּאמֶר	כִּי לִי	כָּמֹל אֶת וַיְהִי יוֹ
H413	H559	H3627	H1961
	And he said	And it came to pass when the vessels	were full
			H4390
וַיָּעַמְד	כִּי לִי	עוֹד	אֵלַי הַגִּישָׁה בְּנוֹה
H5975	H3627	H5750	H1121
stayed	And it came to pass when the vessels	Bring	unto her son
			H5066
	כִּי לִי	עוֹד	אֵלַי יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר
	H3627	H5750	H559
	And it came to pass when the vessels		And he said
			H413
			H369
			H5750
			הַשֶּׁמֶן:
			more And the oil
			H8081

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 14:20** (Parallel theme): And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

**2 Kings 13:19** (Parallel theme): And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

**Luke 6:19** (Parallel theme): And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.