

# 2 Kings 6:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 6: God's protection and provision for His servants. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. 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 6 takes place during the Elisha prophetic ministry, approximately 850-800 BCE. The chapter's theme (Miracles and Siege) 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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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 6 regarding god's protection and provision for his servants?
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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וְלֹא בִּשְׁרָא לְגַלְעָם בְּנֵי הָאָבָדָם וְלֹא בְּנֵי שָׂרָא  
Then the king of Syria warred against Israel and took counsel  
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עַבְדֵי יְהֹוָה וְלֹא מִן־אֶלְמָנָה וְלֹא מִן־מִקְדָּשׁ וְלֹא מִן־פָּלָג וְלֹא מִן־עַבְדֵי יְהֹוָה  
with his servants saying a place In such and such shall be my camp  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 8:10** (Parallel theme): Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God is with us.

**Proverbs 21:30** (Parallel theme): There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the LORD.

**Proverbs 20:18** (Parallel theme): Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.

**1 Kings 22:31** (Kingdom): But the king of Syria commanded his thirty and two captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.

**2 Kings 6:24** (Kingdom): And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

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