

# 2 Kings 8:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 8: Prophetic word shapes national events. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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 8 takes place during the Elisha prophetic ministry, approximately 850-800 BCE. The chapter's theme (Elisha's International Influence) 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 John 4:8** — God is love

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 8 regarding prophetic word shapes national events?
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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וַתִּקַּם	וְהָאִשָּׁה	וַתַּעַשׂ	כַּדְּבָר	אֵלֶּה	הָאֱלֹהִים
arose	And the woman	and did	after the saying	of the man	of God
H6965	H802	H6213	H1697	H376	H430

וַתֵּלֶךְ	הִיא	וּבֵיתָהּ	וַתֵּגֵר	בְּאֶרֶץ	פְּלִשְׁתִּים
	with her household	and sojourned	in the land	of the Philistines	
H1980	H1931	H1004	H1481	H776	H6430

שִׁבְעָה	שָׁנִים:
seven	years
H7651	H8141