

# 2 Kings 8:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 8: Prophetic word shapes national events. 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

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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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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## 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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וְיִתֵּר	דְּבַר י	יֹרָם	וְכָל	אֲשֶׁר	עָשָׂה	הָלַא
And the rest	of the acts	of Joram	H3605	H834	and all that he did	H3808
H3499	H1697	H3141			H6213	
הֵם	כְּתוּבִים	עַל	סֵפֶר	דְּבַר י	הֵם יִם	לְמַלְכֵי י
H1992	are they not written	H5921	in the book	of the acts	H3117	of the kings
	H3789		H5612	H1697		H4428
יְהוּדָה:						
of Judah						
H3063						