

# 2 Kings 8:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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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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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## 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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הָ וַאֲלֵהִי	מָסַפֵּר	אֵת הַמֶּלֶךְ	אֲשֶׁר		
H1961	H1931	And it came to pass as he was telling	O king	H853	H834
	H5608		H4428		
הֵחָיָה	אֶת	הַמֵּת	וְהִנֵּה	הָאִשָּׁה	אֲשֶׁר
he had restored to life	H853	a dead body	H2009	that behold the woman	H834
H2421		H4191		H802	
הֵחָיָה	אֶת	בֶּן־הָ	צָעַקְתָּ	אֵל	הַמֶּלֶךְ
he had restored to life	H853	and this is her son	cried	H413	O king
H2421		H1121	H6817	H4428	H5921
בֵּיתָהּ	וְעַל	שָׂדֶהָ	וַיֹּאמֶר	גִּחְזִי	אֲדֹנָי
for her house	H5921	and for her land	said	And Gehazi	My lord
H1004		H7704	H559	H1522	H113
					O king
					H4428
זֶאת	הָאִשָּׁה	וְזֶה	בֶּן־הָ	אֲשֶׁר	
H2063	that behold the woman	H2088	and this is her son	H834	
	H802		H1121		
הֵחָיָה	אֶלְיָשָׁע:				
he had restored to life	whom Elisha				
H2421	H477				

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Kings 4:35** (Parallel theme): Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.