

# 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

**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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ה אָתָּה יְהִי	H1961	רָמַסֵּפֶת	H1931	וְיָמַר	H5608	לְךָ	אָשָׁר	אָתָּה בְּפָנָיו	H853	אָשָׁר	H834
he had restored to life	H2421	a dead body	H853	the woman	H4191	that behold the woman	H2009	O king	H4428	the woman	H802
he had restored to life	H2421	and this is her son	H853	cried	H1121	and this is her son	H2009	O king	H4428	O king	H5921
for her house	H1004	and for her land	H5921	said	H7704	And Gehazi	H559	My lord	H1522	And Gehazi	H113
that behold the woman	H2063	whom Elisha	H802	to Gehazi	H2088	O king	H834	O king	H4428	to Gehazi	H1121
he had restored to life	H2421	whom Elisha	H477	to Gehazi							

## 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.