

2 Kings 8:6

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

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

וַשָּׂא ל	הַמֶּלֶךְ	לְאִשָּׁה ה	וַתִּסְפֹּר ל ו	וַיִּתֵּן	לָהּ
asked	And when the king	the woman	she told	H0	appointed
H7592	H4428	H802	H5608		H5414
הַמֶּלֶךְ	סֵר יִס	אֶחָד	לְאִמּוֹר	הָיָה יב	אֶת כָּל
And when the king	officer	unto her a certain	saying	Restore	H853 H3605
H4428	H5631	H259	H559	H7725	
אֲשֶׁר	לָהּ	וְאֵת כָּל	תְּבוּאֹת	הַשָּׂדֶה ה	
H834	H0	H853 H3605	all that was hers and all the fruits	of the field	
			H8393	H7704	
מִיּוֹם	עָזְבָה ה	אֶת	הָאָרֶץ	וְעַד	עֲתָה:
since the day	that she left	H853	the land	H5704	H6258
H3117	H5800		H776		

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 16:7 (Parallel theme): When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Proverbs 21:1 (Kingdom): The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

2 Samuel 9:7 (Parallel theme): And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

1 Chronicles 28:1 (Kingdom): And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.

2 Kings 9:32 (Parallel theme): And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.

Genesis 37:36 (Parallel theme): And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

Deuteronomy 22:2 (Parallel theme): And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.

Judges 11:13 (Kingdom): And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan: now therefore restore those lands again peaceably.