

## Grace Working in Spite of Apostasy

*2 Kings 8:1-15*

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## The Shunammite Again (8:1-6)

### CHAPTER 8

**1** And Elisha had spoken to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, Rise up and go, thou and thy household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn; for Jehovah has called for a famine, and it shall also come upon the land for seven years. **2** And the woman rose up, and did according to the saying of the man of God, and went, she and her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years. **3** And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines; and she went forth to cry to the king for her house and for her land. **4** And the king was talking with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha has done. **5** And it came to pass as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, that behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life. **6** And the king asked the woman, and she told him. And the king appointed a certain chamberlain, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the revenue of the land since the day that she left the country even until now.

## Ben-Hadad and Hazael (8:7-15)

**7** And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-Hadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him saying, The man of God is come hither. **8** And the king said to Hazael, Take a present in

thy hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of Jehovah by him, saying, Shall I recover from this disease? **9** And Hazael went to meet him, and took with him a present, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden; and he came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-Hadad king of Syria has sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover from this disease? **10** And Elisha said to him, Go, say to him, Thou wilt certainly recover. But Jehovah has shewn me that he shall certainly die. **11** And he settled his countenance stedfastly, until he was ashamed; and the man of God wept. **12** And Hazael said, Why does my lord weep? And he said, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do to the children of Israel: their strongholds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou kill with the sword, and wilt dash in pieces their children, and rip up their women with child. **13** And Hazael said, But what, is thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha said, Jehovah has shewn me that thou wilt be king over Syria. **14** And he departed from Elisha, and came to his master, who said to him, What did Elisha say to thee? And he said, He told me *that* thou wouldest certainly recover. **15** And it came to pass the next day, that he took the coverlet and dipped *it* in water, and spread it over his face, so that he died; and Hazael reigned in his stead.