

2 Kings 8:1-6 **Famine – King asked Gehazi about works of Elisha – Woman's land restored**

Seven year Famine

¹ Then Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, "Arise and go, you and your household, and stay wherever you can; for the Lord has called for a famine, and furthermore, it will come upon the land for seven years." ² So the woman arose and did according to the saying of the man of God, and she went with her household and dwelt in the land of the Philistines seven years.

The King Restores the Shunammite's Land

³ It came to pass, at the end of seven years, that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines; and she went to make an appeal to the king for her house and for her land. ⁴ Then the king talked with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, "Tell me, please, all the great things Elisha has done." ⁵ Now it happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored the dead to life, that there was the woman whose son he had restored to life, appealing 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 when the king asked the woman, she told him.

So the king appointed a certain officer for her, saying, "Restore all that was hers, and all the proceeds of the field from the day that she left the land until now."

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Facts Revealed:

Seven year Famine

- ✧ The Holy Spirit revealed to Elisha that a seven year famine was coming to Israel, and he advised his Shunammite benefactress, whose son had been restored to life, and she went to the land of the Philistines with her household for the seven years. [2 Kings 8:1-2, 4:8-37]

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- ✧ After the famine was ended, the king had called Gehazi to ask about all the great things Elisha had done, and while he was relating how Elisha had restored life to the dead lad, the Shunammite came in to request the restoration of her property. Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son whom Elisha restored to life." [2 Kings 8:3-5]
- ✧ And when the king asked the woman, she told him. [2 Kings 8:6]
- ✧ So the king appointed a certain officer for her, saying, "Restore all that was hers, and all the proceeds of the field from the day that she left the land until now."
 - ◇ With God, all things in His plan are accomplished in precise timing.
 - ◇ This fact works to confirm that it was all done by God and for His glorification in the eyes of mankind, that they may know the certainty that Yahweh is Elohiym over all the earth.