

2 Kings 13:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 13: God's patience with recurring apostasy. 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. This passage occurs during the decline toward Israel's exile, demonstrating how persistent covenant unfaithfulness leads to national disaster.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: 2 Kings 13 takes place during the declining years of the northern kingdom, 8th century BCE, culminating in exile in 722 BCE. The chapter's theme (Decline of Israel and Judah) reflects the historical reality of progressive political instability and external threats, particularly from Aram (Syria) and later Assyria. 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

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 13 regarding god's patience with recurring apostasy?
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

שָׁנָה:	שְׁלֹשׁ יָמִים	וְשֵׁשׁ בָּעָ	שָׁנָה:	לְיוֹאָשׁ שׁ	מֶלֶךְ	יְהוּדָה ה	מֶלֶךְ
year	In the thirty	and seventh	year	of Joash	king	of Judah	to reign
H8141	H7970	H7651	H8141	H3101	H4428	H3063	H4427
יְהוֹאָשׁ שׁ	בֶּן	יְהוֹאָחָז ז	עַל	יִשְׂרָאֵל	בֶּן מֶרְוֹן		
began Jehoash	the son	of Jehoahaz	H5921	over Israel	in Samaria		
H3060	H1121	H3059		H3478	H8111		
שׁ שׁ	שָׁנָה:		עָשָׂר ה				
and reigned sixteen			H6240	year			
H8337				H8141			