

2 Kings 13:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin: but he walked therein.

Analysis

And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin: but he walked therein.

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 13: God's patience with recurring apostasy. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

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

רֹאֶה בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה כְּרָעָה לֹא יָעַשְׂה ה
And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD he departed
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מִכֶּל אֲשֶׁר נְבָט אֹתֶς יְרֵבָע מִצְמָטָה בְּנֵי נְבָט אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה
not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat he departed
H3605 H2403 H3379 H1121 H5028 H834 H2398 sin

אָתָּה לֹא יָשַׁר אָתָּה בְּכָךְ בְּלֹא: הַיְנֵה
who made Israel but he walked
H853 H3478 H0 H1980

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 13:2 (Creation): And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

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