

2 Kings 13:12

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

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

וְגַב וְכֹתוֹ עָשָׂה אֲשֶׁר וְכָל יוֹאָשׁ דִּבְרֵי וְיִתְּרֵם
And the rest of the acts of Joash H3605 H834 **and all that he did** **and his might**
H3499 H1697 H3101 H6213 H1369

הֵלֵא יְהוּדָה לְמֶלֶךְ אֶמְצִיָּה עַם נִלְחָם אֲשֶׁר
H834 **wherewith he fought** H5973 **against Amaziah** **king** **of Judah** H3808
H3898 H558 H4428 H3063

לְמֶלֶךְ הֵמָּנִים דִּבְרֵי סֵפֶר עַל כְּתוּבֵי הֵם
H1992 **are they not written** H5921 **in the book** **of the acts** H3117 **king**
H3789 H5612 H1697 H4428

יִשְׂרָאֵל:
of Israel
H3478