

2 Kings 13:25

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 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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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

עַרְיָ	אֶת	לָקַח	יְהוֹאָחָז	בֶּן	יְהוֹאָשׁ	וַיִּשָּׁב
	H853	took	of Jehoahaz	the son	And Jehoash	again
		H3947	H3059	H1121	H3060	H7725
לָקַח	אִישׁ	רָ	חֲזָאֵל	בֶּן	בְּנֵהדָד	מִי־דַ
	H834	took	of Hazael	the son	of Benhadad	out of the hand
		H3947	H2371	H1121	H1130	H3027
פְּעָמַיִם	שָׁלֹשׁ	בַּמִּלְחָמָה	הָ	אָבִיו	יְהוֹאָחָז	מִי־דַ
	H7969	by war		his father	of Jehoahaz	out of the hand
		H4421		H1	H3059	H3027
יִשְׂרָאֵל:	עַרְיָ	אֶת	וַיִּשָּׁב	יֹאָשׁ	שָׁ	הִכָּהוּ
	H853	the cities	again	did Joash	beat	
		H5892	H7725	H3101	H5221	
		H3478				

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 10:32 (References Israel): In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel;