

2 Kings 13:8

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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

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

וְנִיחָה	דִּבְרֵי י	יְהוֹאָחָז	וְכָל	אֲשֶׁר	עָשָׂה	
Now the rest	of the acts	of Jehoahaz	H3605	H834	and all that he did	
H3499	H1697	H3059			H6213	
וּגְבוּרַתּוֹ	הַלּוֹא	הֵם	כְּתוּבִים	עַל	סֵפֶר	דִּבְרֵי י
and his might	H3808	H1992	are they not written	H5921	in the book	of the acts
H1369			H3789		H5612	H1697
הֵם י	לְמַלְכֵי י	יִשְׂרָאֵל:				
H3117	of the kings	of Israel				
	H4428	H3478				

