

# 2 Kings 2:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 2: Prophetic succession and confirmation of divine calling. The prophetic ministry served as God's primary means of covenant enforcement, calling both kings and people to faithfulness. During this period, Israel and Judah struggled with persistent idolatry, particularly Baal worship introduced under Ahab and Jezebel.

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

## Historical Context

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**Historical Setting:** 2 Kings 2 takes place during the mid-9th century BCE, around 850 BCE, during the transition from Elijah to Elisha. The chapter's theme (Elijah's Translation and Elisha's Beginning) reflects the historical reality of prophetic succession and divine affirmation of Elisha's ministry following Elijah's remarkable translation. 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

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 2 regarding prophetic succession and confirmation of divine calling?
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

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וַיִּקַּח	אֶת	אֶדְרֵת	אֵלֵי הוּא	אֲשֶׁר	נָפַל הַ	מַעַל יוֹ
He took up	H853	also the mantle	of Elijah	H834	that fell	H5921
H7311		H155	H452		H5307	
וַיָּשָׁב		וַיַּעַמַּד	עַל	שֵׁפָה	הַיַּרְדֵּן:	
from him and went back		and stood	H5921	by the bank	of Jordan	
H7725		H5975		H8193	H3383	

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