

# 2 Kings 9:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Then they hasted, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 9: Divine judgment executed on Ahab's house. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. 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 9 takes place during Jehu's dynasty and the violent purge of Baal worship, around 841 BCE. The chapter's theme (Jehu's Violent Revolution) reflects the historical reality of violent political revolution motivated by zeal for Yahweh but lacking genuine heart transformation. 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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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 9 regarding divine judgment executed on ahab's house?
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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וַיִּמְהָרוּ	וַקָּחוּ	אֵשׁ	בִּגְדוֹ	וַיִּשְׁמוּ	תַּחֲתָיו	אֶל
Then they hastened	and took	every man	his garment	and put		
H4116	H3947	H376	H899	H7760	H8478	H413
גַּם	הַמַּעַל	וַתִּקְעוּ	בַּשּׁוֹפָר	וַיֹּאמֶר	וְ	מֶלֶךְ
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H1634	H4609	H8628	H7782	H559		H4427
יְהוּא:						
Jehu						
H3058						

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 1:34** (Kingdom): And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon.

**1 Kings 1:39** (Kingdom): And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

**Psalms 98:6** (Kingdom): With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King.

**2 Samuel 15:10** (Kingdom): But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.