

2 Kings 13:1-9 **Jehoahaz Reigns in Israel**

Jehoahaz, son of Jehu – King of Israel 17 years

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² And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. He did not depart from them.

³ Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Israel, and He delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-Hadad the son of Hazael, all their days.

⁴ So Jehoahaz pleaded with the Lord, and the Lord listened to him; for He saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them.

⁵ Then the Lord gave Israel a deliverer, so that they escaped from under the hand of the Syrians; and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents as before.

⁶ Nevertheless they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who had made Israel sin, but walked in them; and the wooden image also remained in Samaria.

⁷ For He left of the army of Jehoahaz only fifty horsemen, ten chariots, and ten thousand foot soldiers; for the king of Syria had destroyed them and made them like the dust at threshing.

⁸ Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ⁹ So Jehoahaz rested with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. Then Joash his son reigned in his place.

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Facts Revealed:

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◇ It is amazing to see the stubborn bent of humanity when it comes to choosing evil even after it has proven to be worthy of divine punishment and openly declared to be so by prophets sent by Yahweh to warn them of the danger of their ways.

◇ The tenacious clinging to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat from the time the nation of Israel was divided and the kingly lines that were wiped out by God should have been warning enough of the need to turn back to Yahweh. [1 Kings 12:25-33, 13:33-34, 14:1-16, 15:25-30, 16:1-4, 7, 21:20-24, 2 Kings 9:1-10, 13:1-2]

✧ Yahweh delivered Israel into the hands of Hazael king of Syria and Ben-Hadad all their days, but when Jehoahaz pleaded with Yahweh, the Lord listened to him and saw the oppression of Israel, so He sent a deliverer, so they escaped from the Syrian oppression. [2 Kings 13:3-5]

✧ However, since they did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam or the wooden image in Samaria, the Lord left only 50 horsemen, 10 chariots, and 10,000 foot soldiers. [2 Kings 13:6-7]

◇ There is a price to stubbornly clinging to sins you have been warned about, and there comes a destruction of a kingdom for that reason.

◇ The nations of the world today are following this same pattern to their own destruction as blindly and stubbornly as did the nation of Israel in the days of their evil kings.

◇ Obviously the evil bent of mankind has not changed through-out time.

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