

# 1 Kings 13:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of the man of god from judah, within the book's focus on spiritual decline of both kingdoms under various rulers.

The Hebrew text reveals nuances important for understanding this passage's contribution to 1 Kings' theological message about kingship, covenant, and faithfulness to Yahweh. This verse demonstrates the consequences when God's people—especially their leaders—either follow or forsake the covenant established at Sinai.

## Historical Context

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First Kings was written during or after the Babylonian exile (6th century BCE), reflecting on the monarchy period (10th-9th centuries BCE) to explain why the kingdoms fell. This period (c. 930-850 BCE) saw rapid succession and instability, especially in the northern kingdom.

Ancient Near Eastern kingship ideology viewed kings as divine representatives responsible for maintaining cosmic order through right worship. Archaeological

discoveries from sites like Megiddo, Hazor, and Samaria confirm the historical reliability of 1 Kings' descriptions of building projects and administrative structures.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage illustrate the importance of complete obedience to God's word without compromise?
2. What does Elijah's ministry reveal about God's character and His commitment to His covenant people?
3. How does this verse point toward or prepare for the coming of Christ and His eternal kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיֵּלֶךְ	אַחֲרַי	אִישׁ	הָאֱלֹהִים	וַיִּמְצָא הוּא	יֹשֵׁב	תַּחַת
H1980	after	the man	of God	and found	him sitting	H8478
	H310	H376	H430	H4672	H3427	
תַּחַת הָאֵל הַ	וַיֹּאמֶר	אִישׁ	הָאֱלֹהִים	הַאֵל הַ	אֲשֶׁר	
under an oak	And he said	the man	of God			H834
H424	H559	H376	H430			
בָּאתָ	מִיְהוּדָה	וַיֹּאמֶר	אֲנִי:			
that camest	from Judah	And he said				H589
H935	H3063	H559				

