

1 Kings 13:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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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

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

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

וְקָרָא אֵל	אֶל יִשׁ	אֵלֶּיךָ:	אֲשֶׁר	בָּ א	מִיְהוּדָה
And he cried	unto the man	of God	H834	that came	from Judah
H7121	H376	H430		H935	H3063
כֹּה אָמַר ר	אָמַר ר	יְהוָה	יְעֵן	כִּי	
Thus saith	Thus saith	of the LORD	Forasmuch as		
H559	H559	H3068	H3282	H3588	
מָר יָתָ	פִּי	יְהוָה	וְלֹא	שָׁמַר רְפָ	אֶת
thou hast disobeyed	the mouth	of the LORD	H3808	and hast not kept	H853
H4784	H6310	H3068		H8104	
הַמִּצְוָה	אֲשֶׁר	צִוָּ	יְהוָה	אֵלֶּיךָ:	
the commandment	H834	commanded	of the LORD	of God	
H4687		H6680	H3068	H430	

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