

1 Kings 13:22

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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

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

בְּמִקְדָּשָׁם	מִן	מִן	לֹא	תֵּשְׁתַּבְּדֵל	וְתֵּשְׁבַּח	בְּמִקְדָּשָׁם
But camest back	and hast eaten	bread	and drink	no water	in the place	
H7725	H398	H3899	H8354	H4325	H4725	
אֲשֶׁר	דָּבָר	כִּי	אֵל	אֵל	לֹא	לֹא
H834	H1696		H413	H408	H398	H3899
וְיֹאמֶר	הָא	מִן	תֵּשְׁתַּבְּדֵל	תֵּשְׁבַּח	וְנִבְלַתְךָ	
and drink	no water	H3808	shall not come	thy carcase	H413	
H408	H8354	H935	H5038			
אֶל	בְּרֵיתְךָ	אֶל				
unto the sepulchre	of thy fathers	H1				
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