

# 1 Kings 13:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

## Analysis

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**And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.**

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 prophetic office represents God's faithful witness even in apostasy, calling His people back to covenant faithfulness.

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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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## 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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וְהָיָה הַ	אֲנֹכִי יָם	עָבַר יָם	וַיֵּרָא וְ	אֶת	הַנֶּבֶל הַ	מִשָּׁל כֶּת
H2009	H376	passed by	and saw	H853	the carcass	cast
		H5674	H7200		H5038	H7993
בְּדֶרֶךְ	וְאֵת	הָאֵלִי הַ	עֹמֵד	אֵל	הַנֶּבֶל הַ	וַיָּבֹאוּ
in the way	H853	and the lion	standing	by	the carcass	and they came
H1870		H738	H5975	H681	H5038	H935
וַיִּדְבֵּר וְ	בְּעִיר	אֲשֶׁר	הַנָּבִי	הַזֶּקֶן	יָשָׁב	בָּהֶ:
and told	it in the city	H834	prophet	where the old	dwelt	H0
H1696	H5892		H5030	H2205	H3427	

