

1 Kings 13:31

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

וַיְהִי	אַחֲרַי	קָבַר וְ	אֹתוֹ	לֵאמֹר	אֶל
H1961	And it came to pass after	he had buried	H853	him that he spake	H413
	H310	H6912		H559	
בְּנָיו	לֵאמֹר	בְּמוֹתִי	קָבַר וְ	אֹתַי	
to his sons	him that he spake	When I am dead	he had buried	H853	
H1121	H559	H4191	H6912		
בִּקְרִי	אֲשֶׁר	אֵינִי	הָאֵלֹהִים	קָבַר וְ	בִּי
me in the sepulchre	H834	wherein the man	of God	he had buried	H0
H6913		H376	H430	H6912	
אֶצְלַי	עֲצָמוֹתַי	הֵן יָחוּ	אֶת	עֲצָמוֹתַי	
beside	his bones	lay	H853	his bones	
H681	H6106	H3240		H6106	

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