

1 Kings 13:6

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

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

וַיַּעַן	וַיֹּאמֶר	וַיֹּאמֶר	וַיֹּאמֶר	וַיֹּאמֶר	וַיֹּאמֶר	וַיֹּאמֶר
answered	And the king	and said	And the man	of God	Intreat	
H6030	H4428	H559	H413	H376	H430	H2470
אֶת	פָּנָיו	יְהוָה	וַיֹּאמֶר	וַיֹּאמֶר	וַיֹּאמֶר	וַיֹּאמֶר
H4994	H853	now the face	of the LORD	of God	and pray	H1157
	H6440		H3068	H430	H6419	
וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב
may be restored	me again	for me that my hand		Intreat	And the man	
H7725		H3027	H413	H2470	H376	
וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב
of God	H853	now the face	of the LORD	may be restored	me again	
H430		H6440	H3068	H7725		
וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב	וַיִּשָּׁב
for me that my hand	And the king			and became as it was before		
H3027	H4428	H413	H1961	H7223		

Additional Cross-References

Acts 8:24 (Prayer): Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

Exodus 10:17 (Prayer): Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

Exodus 8:8 (References Lord): Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD.

Exodus 9:28 (References Lord): Intreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

Exodus 8:28 (References God): And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.

Numbers 21:7 (Prayer): Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

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