

1 Kings 13:7

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

וַיֵּדַבֵּר	וְהַמֶּלֶךְ	אֶל	אֶת־יֵשׁ	הָאֱלֹהִים	בָּאָה	אֶת־י
said	And the king	H413	unto the man	of God	Come	H854
H1696	H4428		H376	H430	H935	
בֵּית יְתֵהּ	וְסָעָה	וְאֶתְנֶה	לָךְ	מִתְּנָה		
home	with me and refresh	thyself and I will give	H0	thee a reward		
H1004	H5582	H5414		H4991		

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 5:15 (References God): And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

