

# 1 Kings 14:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken it.

## Analysis

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**Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken it.**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Jeroboam's judgment and Rehoboam's reign, 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

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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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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## 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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וְהֵמָּת	לִירֵבֶעַם	בְּעִיר	וְיֹאכֵל	יִמְכְּלוּ	וְהֵמָּת
Him that dieth	of Jeroboam	in the city	eat	shall the dogs	Him that dieth
H4191	H3379	H5892	H398	H3611	H4191
בַּשָּׂדֶה	וְיֹאכֵל	עוֹף	הַשָּׁמַיִם	כִּי	יְהוָה
in the field	eat	shall the fowls	of the air	H3588	for the LORD
H7704	H398	H5775	H8064	H3068	H1696
					דָּבָר:
					hath spoken

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 16:4** (Parallel theme): Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat.

