

# 1 Kings 14:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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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 temple represents God's dwelling among His people and foreshadows Christ as Immanuel ('God with us').

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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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## 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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וְסָפְדוּ	ל	כָּל	יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְקָבְר ו	אֶת ו	כִּי	זֶה
shall mourn	H0	H3605	And all Israel	for him and bury	H853	H3588	H2088
H5594			H3478	H6912			
לְבַד ו	יָבֹא	יָרְבֵּעַם:	אֶל	קֶבֶר	לְעֵן		
H905	shall come	him for he only of Jeroboam	H413	to the grave	H3282		
	H935	H3379		H6913			
נִמְצָא	וְדָבָר	טוֹב	אֶל	יְהוָה			
because in him there is found	H0	thing	some good	H413	toward the LORD		
H4672		H1697	H2896		H3068		
אֱלֹהֵי י	יִשְׂרָאֵל	בֵּית יֵת	יָרְבֵּעַם:				
God	And all Israel	in the house	him for he only of Jeroboam				
H430	H3478	H1004	H3379				

## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Chronicles 19:3** (Good): Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

**2 Chronicles 12:12** (References Lord): And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether: and also in Judah things went well.