

1 Kings 14:2

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 prophetic office represents God's faithful witness even in apostasy, calling His people back to covenant faithfulness.

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

1 John 4:8 — God is 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

וַיֹּאמֶר	יְרְבַע	אִשְׁתָּ	וְקֹמֶ	נָא	וְהַשְׁתִּיף	יְה
said	And Jeroboam	to be the wife	Arise	H4994	I pray thee and disguise	
H559	H3379	H802	H6965		H8138	
וְלֹא	יְדַעַ	וְלֹא	אִתְיָ	אִשְׁתָּ	וְיְרְבַע	וְיְרְבַע
H3808	thyself that thou be not known	H3045	H3588	H859	to be the wife	And Jeroboam
					H802	H3379
וְכָל	שֵׁל	הַנֶּה	שֵׁם	אֲתִי	פֶּנְבָּב	הָא
and get	thee to Shiloh	H2009	H8033	behold there is Ahijah	the prophet	H1931
H1980	H7887			H281	H5030	
דָּבָר	עַל	לֹמֶלֶג	עַל	בָּעַם	פְּזַחַ	
which told	H5921	me that I should be king	H5921	over this people	H2088	
H1696		H4428		H5971		

Additional Cross-References

1 Samuel 28:8 (Prayer): And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.

2 Samuel 14:2 (Prayer): And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:

2 Chronicles 18:29 (Kingdom): And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle.

Luke 12:2 (Parallel theme): For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

Joshua 18:1 (Parallel theme): And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them.

1 Kings 22:30 (Kingdom): And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle.

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