

1 Kings 14:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made.

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

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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

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

וְיָקַח אֵת אֲוֹצָרוֹת בְּבֵית יְהוָה הַיְהוָה אֵת
And he took away H853 and the treasures H214 house H1004 of the LORD H3068 H853
H3947 H214 H1004 H4428 H853 H3605 H3947

וְיָקַח אֲוֹצָרוֹת בְּבֵית הַמֶּלֶךְ וְאֵת הַמֶּלֶךְ
and the treasures house of the king's H4428 H853 And he took away H3947
H214 H1004 H853 H3605 H3947

וְיָקַח אֵת כָּל מִתְּמִימִים וְכָל בְּזִבְחָה אֲשֶׁר
And he took away H853 H3605 all the shields H4043 H2091 H834 H6213
H3947 H853 H3605 H4043 H2091 H834 H6213

שָׁלֹמָה:
which Solomon
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Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 15:18 (Kingdom): Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying,

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