

1 Kings 14:26

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

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

וָתָחַ	אֶת	אֲצֻרֹת	בֵּית	יְהוָה	אֶת
And he took away	H853	and the treasures	house	of the LORD	H853
H3947		H214	H1004	H3068	
אֲצֻרֹת	בֵּית	הַמֶּלֶךְ	וְאֶת	הַכֹּל	וָתָחַ
and the treasures	house	of the king's	H853	H3605	And he took away
H214	H1004	H4428			H3947
וָתָחַ	אֶת	כָּל	מִגְנֵי	הַזָּהָב	אֲשֶׁר
And he took away	H853	H3605	all the shields	of gold	H834
H3947			H4043	H2091	had made
					H6213
וְשֵׁלֹמֹה:					
which Solomon					
H8010					

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,