

# 1 Kings 14:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.**

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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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## 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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וְלָקַח	בְּיָדְךָ	עֶשְׂרֵה	לֶחֶם	וְנִקְדָּה	וּבִקְרֹכַח	דִּבְשׁ
And take	with thee	ten	loaves	and cracknels	and a cruse	of honey
H3947	H3027	H6235	H3899	H5350	H1228	H1706
וְיָצֵא	הוּא	יְגִיד	לְךָ	מֵהָ	הַיְּהוָה	
and go		to him he shall tell				
H935	H413	H1931	H5046	H0	H4100	H1961
לְנֶעֱר:						
thee what shall become of the child						
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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 13:7** (Parallel theme): And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

**2 Kings 4:42** (Parallel theme): And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

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