

1 Kings 14:6

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 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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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

וַיְהִי כִשְׁמָע עַ אֶתְּי הוּ אֶת ק וְל יָהּ בְּ אִי
H1961 heard H8085 And it was so when Ahijah H853 the sound H6963 of her feet H7272 Come in H935

אֶתְּ הָ לָ מָה יִרְבֶּעַם יָ אֶשֶׁת בְּ אִי וַיֹּאמֶר בְּפֹתַח
at the door H6607 that he said H559 Come in H935 thou wife H802 of Jeroboam H3379 H4100 H2088 H859

אֶל יְיָ שָׁל וַיִּחַ וְאָנֹכִי מִתְנַכֵּךְ הָ
why feignest thou thyself to be another H5234 H595 for I am sent H7971 H413

קָשָׁה:
to thee with heavy H7186