

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

בָּאֵי	בָּגָל	יָפָה	בָּאֵי	כִּשְׁמָעַ	עִירָה
H1961	heard	And it was so when Ahijah	H853	the sound	of her feet
H8085		H281	H6963		H7272
					H935
אַתָּה	לֹא	מִתְּבָאֵעַ	אַתָּה	אִשְׁתָּה	בְּאֵי
at the door	that he said	Come in	H802	thou wife	of Jeroboam
H6607	H559	H935	H3379	H4100	H2088
					H859
אַל	עָמָל	שָׁלַמְתָּ	אַל	עָמָל	מִתְּנִכְבֵּה
why feignest thou thyself to be another			H595	for I am sent	H413
H5234			H7971		
קָשָׁה:					
to thee with heavy					
H7186					

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