

1 Kings 14:7

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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

ישָׁרָאֵל:	אֱלֹהִים	יְהֹוָה	עַמּוֹ	לְכָה	לִרְבָּעָם	אָמֵר	כִּי	לְכָה	אָמֵר	לִרְבָּעָם	אָמֵר	כִּי	יְהֹוָה	אֱלֹהִים	ישָׁרָאֵל:	
H1980	Thus saith	Jeroboam	H3541	Thus saith	the LORD	God										Israel
	H559	H3379		H559	H3068	H430										H3478
פָּרָשָׁת	עַמּוֹ	מִתְּהִלָּה	עַמּוֹ	מִתְּהִלָּה	עַמּוֹ	עַמּוֹ	מִתְּהִלָּה	עַמּוֹ	מִתְּהִלָּה	עַמּוֹ	מִתְּהִלָּה	עַמּוֹ	מִתְּהִלָּה	פָּרָשָׁת		
Forasmuch as	H834	I exalted	thee from among	over my people	and made											H5414
	H3282		H7311	H8432												
תְּהִלָּה	עַמּוֹ	מִתְּהִלָּה	עַמּוֹ	מִתְּהִלָּה	עַמּוֹ	מִתְּהִלָּה	עַמּוֹ	מִתְּהִלָּה	עַמּוֹ	מִתְּהִלָּה	עַמּוֹ	מִתְּהִלָּה	עַמּוֹ	מִתְּהִלָּה	תְּהִלָּה	
thee prince	H5921	over my people	Israel													
	H5057	H5971	H3478													

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 16:2 (Creation): Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins;

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