

# 1 Kings 14:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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made thee prince over my people Israel,

## Analysis

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**Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel,**

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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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## 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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יְשׁוּעָאֵל:	אֱלֹהֵי י	יְהוָה	אֲמַר	כֹּה	לִירֵבֶעַם	אֲמַר	לְכִי
Israel	God	the LORD	Thus saith	H3541	Jeroboam	Thus saith	H1980
H3478	H430	H3068	H559		H3379	H559	
וַאֲתָנֹכְ	עַמִּי	מִתּוֹךְ	הִרְמֹתִי יְבֶ	אֲשֶׁר	לִעַן		
and made	over my people	thee from among	I exalted	H834	Forasmuch as		
H5414	H5971	H8432	H7311		H3282		
יְשׁוּעָאֵל:	עַמִּי	עַל	נָגִיד				
Israel	over my people		thee prince				
H3478	H5971		H5057				

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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