

# 1 Kings 15:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse contributes to the broader narrative of kings of Judah and Israel: Abijah, Asa, Nadab, Baasha, 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

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## 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

בְּרִיתְךָ	בֵּינוּ י	וְבֵינוּ כ	בֵּינוּ	אֲבִיךָ	וְבֵינוּ	אֲבִיךָ
<b>There is a league</b>	H996	H996	H996	<b>and thy father</b>	H996	<b>and thy father</b>
H1285				H1		H1
הִנֵּה	שָׁלַחְתִּי	לְךָ	שֶׁחַד	כֶּסֶף	וְזָה ב	לְךָ
H2009	<b>behold I have sent</b>	H0	<b>unto thee a present</b>	<b>of silver</b>	<b>and gold</b>	H1980
	H7971		H7810	H3701	H2091	
אֶת הַיָּדָה	בְּרִיתְךָ	אֶת	בַּעֲשָׁא	מֶלֶךְ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	לְ
<b>and break</b>	H853	<b>There is a league</b>	H854	<b>with Baasha</b>	<b>king</b>	<b>of Israel</b>
H6565		H1285		H1201	H4428	H3478
וַיֵּצֵא ה	מֵעָלָיו:					
<b>that he may depart</b>	H5921					
H5927						

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