

# 1 Kings 15:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of kings of Judah and Israel: Abijam, 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

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 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is 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

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| שָׁבַת          | וְיָשַׁכֵּן       | בְּ   | בָּעֵד            | וְיָשַׁכֵּן            | בְּ   | בָּעֵד            | וְיָשַׁכֵּן        | בְּ | בָּעֵד | וְיָשַׁכֵּן | בְּ |  |
| <b>slept</b>    | <b>And Asa</b>    | H5973 | <b>his father</b> | <b>and was buried</b>  | H5973 | <b>his father</b> | <b>in the city</b> |     |        |             |     |  |
| H7901           | H609              |       | H1                | H6912                  |       | H1                | H5892              |     |        |             |     |  |
| בֶּן            | וְיָשַׁכֵּן       | בְּ   | בָּעֵד            | וְיָשַׁכֵּן            | בְּ   | בָּעֵד            | וְיָשַׁכֵּן        | בְּ | בָּעֵד | וְיָשַׁכֵּן | בְּ |  |
| <b>of David</b> | <b>his father</b> | H1732 | <b>reigned</b>    | <b>and Jehoshaphat</b> | H4427 | <b>his son</b>    | H3092              |     |        |             |     |  |
|                 | H1                |       |                   | H1121                  |       |                   | H8478              |     |        |             |     |  |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 1:8** (Parallel theme): And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias;

