

1 Kings 15:30

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

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

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

עַל	חַטֹּאת	יִרְבְּעָם	אֲשֶׁר	הַחַטֹּאת	וְאֲשֶׁר	הַחַטֹּאת
H5921	Because of the sins	of Jeroboam	H834	sin	H834	sin
	H2403	H3379		H2398		H2398
אֵת	יִשְׂרָאֵל:	בְּכַעַס	אֲשֶׁר	הִכָּעַס	אֵת	
H853	and which he made Israel	by his provocation	H834	to anger	H853	
	H3478	H3708		H3707		
	יְהוָה	אֱלֹהֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל:			
	wherewith he provoked the LORD	God	and which he made Israel			
	H3068	H430	H3478			

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 15:26 (Creation): And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.

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