

1 Kings 15:31

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

1 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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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

וְנִי תָר	דְּבַר י	נָדָב	וְכָל	אֲשֶׁר	עָשָׂה	הָלָא
Now the rest	of the acts	of Nadab	H3605	H834	and all that he did	H3808
H3499	H1697	H5070			H6213	
הֵם	כְּתוּבִים	עַל	סֵפֶר	דְּבַר י	הֵם יִם	לְמַלְכֵּי
H1992	are they not written	H5921	in the book	of the acts	H3117	of the kings
	H3789		H5612	H1697		H4428
יִשְׂרָאֵל:						
of Israel						
H3478						

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 14:19 (Kingdom): And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

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