

# 1 Kings 15:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.**

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

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## 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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וּמִלְחָמָה הָיָה	וַיְהִי כִּי יָבֹא אֲסָא וְבָאֶשָׁא מֶלֶךְ		
<b>And there was war</b>	<b>between Asa</b>	<b>and Baasha</b>	<b>king</b>
H4421	H1961 H996 H609	H996 H1201	H4428
לְיִשְׂרָאֵל כָּל יְמֵיהֶם:			
<b>of Israel</b>	<b>all their days</b>		
H3478	H3605 H3117		

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 15:16** (Kingdom): And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days.

