

1 Kings 16:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the broader narrative of kings of Israel: elah, zimri, omri, ahab, 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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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

בְּעֵינֵי יְהוָה עָשָׂה כִּי רַבָּתָא תָּזַע עַל
H5921 For his sins H834 to sin H2398 in doing H6213 evil H7451 in the sight H5869

עָשָׂה הָאָשָׁר וּבְמַעַת אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה
of the LORD H1980 in the way H1870 of Jeroboam H3379 For his sins H2403 in doing H6213

אָתָּה לְבַקְשֵׁת יִשְׂרָאֵל:
to sin H853 to make Israel H3478

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 15:26 (Sin): 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.

1 Kings 12:28 (Kingdom): Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

1 Kings 14:16 (Sin): And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

1 Kings 15:34 (Sin): And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin.