

# 1 Kings 16:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?**

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

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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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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## 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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וְנִתְּרָ	דִּבְרֵי י	זִמְרִי י	וְקִשְׁרוֹ	אֲשֶׁר	קָשָׁה
Now the rest	of the acts	of Zimri	and his treason	H834	that he wrought
H3499	H1697	H2174	H7195		H7194
הֵם הֲלֹא	כְּתוּבִים י	עַל	סֵפֶר	דִּבְרֵי י	הַמִּי יִם
H3808	H1992	are they not written	H5921	in the book	of the acts
	H3789		H5612	H1697	H3117
לְמַלְכֵי י	יִשְׂרָאֵל:				
of the kings	of Israel				
H4428	H3478				

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 16:14** (Kingdom): Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

**1 Kings 16:5** (Kingdom): Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

**1 Kings 16:27** (Kingdom): Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

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