

1 Kings 16:22

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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

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

לְמִתְרַכְתָּה	בְּעָמָדָה	רַבְבָּשָׁה	אֲשֶׁר	אַחֲרֵי	עִמָּרִים	אֶת	בְּעָמָדָה
prevailed	But the people	H834		that followed	Omri	against	But the people
H2388	H5971			H310	H6018	H854	H5971

אֲשֶׁר	אַחֲרֵי	תִּבְנֵה	בָּנָה	גִּינָּת	לִי מַתָּה	תִּבְנֵה	אֲשֶׁר	יִמְלֹךְ
H834	that followed	Tibni	the son	of Ginath	died	Tibni		reigned
	H310	H8402	H1121	H1527	H4191	H8402		H4427

עִמָּרִים

Omri

H6018