

# 1 Kings 16:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

## Analysis

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**But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so Tibni died, and Omri reigned.**

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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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## 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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וַיִּצְלַח ק	הָעָם	אֲשֶׁר	אָחֳרָי	עֹמְרִי:	אֶת	הָעָם
<b>prevailed</b>	<b>But the people</b>	H834	<b>that followed</b>	<b>Omri</b>	<b>against</b>	<b>But the people</b>
H2388	H5971		H310	H6018	H854	H5971

אֲשֶׁר	אָחֳרָי	תִּבְנִי	בֶן	גִּינָת	וַיָּמָת	תִּבְנִי	וַיִּמְלֹךְ
H834	<b>that followed</b>	<b>Tibni</b>	<b>the son</b>	<b>of Ginath</b>	<b>died</b>	<b>Tibni</b>	<b>reigned</b>
	H310	H8402	H1121	H1527	H4191	H8402	H4427

עֹמְרִי:  
**Omri**  
H6018