

# 1 Kings 16:27

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

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

**1 John 4:8** — God is 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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וְגִבּוֹרֹתָיו	עָשָׂה	אֲשֶׁר	עֹמְרִי	דִּבְרֵי	וְיָתֵר
and his might	that he shewed	H834	of Omri	of the acts	Now the rest
H1369	H6213		H6018	H1697	H3499
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in the book	H5921	are they not written	H1992	H3808	H834
H5612		H3789		H6213	
יִשְׂרָאֵל:	לְמַלְכֵי	הַמֶּלֶךְ	דִּבְרֵי		
of Israel	of the kings	H4428	of the acts		
H3478			H1697		