

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

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is 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

וְגַבּוּרָתָ וְ	עִשְׁתָּה	אֲשֶׁר	דָּבָרְ יְמִינָה	דָּבָרְ יְמִינָה	אֲשֶׁר	עִשְׁתָּה	וְגַבּוּרָתָ וְ
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H3499	H1697	H6018		H6213		H1369	
אֲשֶׁר	עִשְׁתָּה	כְּתֻובָם	כְּתֻובָם	עַל	סְפִר		
H834	H6213	H3808	H1992	H3789	H5921	in the book	
that he shewed							H5612
דָּבָרְ יְמִינָה	לְמַלְכָּה	יִשְׂרָאֵל:					
of the acts	of the kings	of Israel					
H1697	H3117	H4428					