

# 1 Kings 16:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

## Analysis

**Behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat.**

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 temple represents God's dwelling among His people and foreshadows Christ as Immanuel ('God with us').

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

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## 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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וְנִכְנַתְּךָ	מִבְּעֵד	יְרֵא	וְאֶתְּנָתַתִּי	בְּעֵשֶׂת	אֶתְּנָתַתִּי
H2005	<b>Behold I will take away</b>		<b>and the posterity</b>	<b>of Baasha</b>	<b>and the posterity</b>
	H1197		H310	H1201	H310
וְרִבְבָּשׂ	מִ	כִּי	יְהִת	כִּי	יְהִת
<b>like the house</b>	<b>and will make</b>	H853	<b>like the house</b>	<b>like the house</b>	<b>of Jeroboam</b>
H1004	H5414		H1004	H1004	H3379
בֶּן	נְבָטָה				
<b>the son</b>	<b>of Nebat</b>				
H1121	H5028				

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 14:10** (Parallel theme): Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone.

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