

1 Kings 16:5

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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

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

וְגִבּוֹרֹתָו	עָשָׂה	וְאֵשׁ רַ	בְּעָשָׂה א	דִּבְרֵי י	וְיָ תֵר
and his might	and what he did	H834	of Baasha	of the acts	Now the rest
H1369	H6213		H1201	H1697	H3499
הֵמָּה יִם	דִּבְרֵי י	סֵפֶר	עַל	כְּתוּבֵי יִם	הֵם הֲלֹא
H3117	of the acts	in the book	H5921	are they not written	H1992
	H1697	H5612		H3789	H3808
יִשְׂרָאֵל:	לְמַלְכֵי י				
of Israel	of the kings				
H3478	H4428				

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 14:19 (Kingdom): And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

1 Kings 15:31 (Kingdom): Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

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