

1 Kings 17:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Elijah and the drought, within the book's focus on prophetic ministry of Elijah confronting Baalism. The prophetic office represents God's faithful witness even in apostasy, calling His people back to covenant faithfulness.

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. Elijah's ministry (c. 860-850 BCE) occurred during Ahab's reign, a time of intense spiritual crisis in Israel.

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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of 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

תִּשְׁעַל יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים תִּירְאֵי תִּשְׁאַל יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים

said H413 **And Elijah** H408 **unto her Fear** H3372 **not go** H935 **and do** H6213

H559 H452 H3372 H935 H6213

לְתִשְׁעַל מִשְׁם אֲנָה קְדֹבֶר רָא

as thou hast said H389 **and do** H0 **me thereof** H8033 **cake** H5692 **a little** H6996

H1697 H6213 H8033 H5692 H6996

וְלֹא לְתִשְׁעַל וְהוֹצֵא אֶת בְּרָא שְׁתָה

first H7223 **and bring** H3318 **for thee and for thy son** H1121 **and do** H6213

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בְּאַחֲרָתָה:

it unto me and after

H314

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 6:33 (Parallel theme): But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Malachi 3:10 (Parallel theme): Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Isaiah 41:13 (Parallel theme): For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Acts 27:24 (Parallel theme): Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

Proverbs 3:9 (Parallel theme): Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:

Exodus 14:13 (Parallel theme): And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

Matthew 28:5 (Parallel theme): And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

2 Kings 6:16 (Parallel theme): And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

2 Chronicles 20:17 (Parallel theme): Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

1 Peter 1:7 (Parallel theme): That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: