

1 Kings 17:19

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 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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

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

וַיֹּאמֶר	יְהוָה	בְּנֵי	אֶל	יְהֹוָה	תָּנוּ	לִי	אֶת	לְ	אֶת	יְהֹוָה	וַיֹּאמֶר
And he said		unto her Give					H0	H853	me thy son	And he took	
H559		H5414							H1121		H3947
מִמֵּקֶם	הַ	וְ	מִלְּמַעְלָה	הַ	וְ	מִלְּמַעְלָה	הַ	אֶל	בָּעֵל	מִלְּמַעְלָה	הַ
him out of her bosom			and carried him up				H413	H5944	into a loft		H1931
H2436			H5927						H834		
וְ	בְּ	וְ	עַל	וְ	בְּ	וְ	עַל	וְ	מִלְּמַעְלָה	וְ	מִלְּמַעְלָה
where he abode			and laid				H5921		him upon his own bed		
H3427			H7901						H4296		

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 4:32 (Parallel theme): And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.

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