

# 1 Kings 20:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Ahab's wars with Syria, 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

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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**

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## **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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וְהִנֵּה הוּא	אִם דָּבָר יָא	אִם דָּבָר יָא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא
H2009	prophet	a	And behold there came	H413	unto Ahab	king	
	H5030	H259	H5066		H256	H4428	
יִשְׂרָאֵל	כֹּה אָמַר	כֹּה אָמַר	יְהוָה:	יְהוָה:	יְהוָה:	יְהוָה:	יְהוָה:
of Israel	Thus saith	H3541	Thus saith	that I am the LORD	Hast thou seen		
H3478	H559		H559	H3068	H7200		
וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא
H853	H3605	multitude	all this great	H2088	H2009	behold I will deliver	
		H1995	H1419			H5414	
וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא	וְהִנֵּה הוּא
it into thine hand	this day	and thou shalt know	H3588	H589	that I am the LORD		
H3027	H3117	H3045			H3068		

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 20:28** (Kingdom): And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

**Ezekiel 20:22** (Parallel theme): Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.

**Isaiah 37:20** (Kingdom): Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only.

**Joel 3:17** (References Lord): So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

**Ezekiel 20:14** (Parallel theme): But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

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