

1 Kings 21:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Naboth's vineyard, 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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

הַזְרֵעָלַי נָבוֹת וְאֵל אֶל דִּבֶּר כִּי אֶלַי יְהוָה אֶדְבֵּר
And he said H1696 H413 H3588 **And he said** H413 H1696 **unto Naboth** H5022 **the Jezreelite** H3158

אֲנִי אֶמָּר וְכֶסֶף בְּכַסְפִּי אֶת לְיָ אֶתֵּן אֶתֵּן לִי אֶתֵּן אֶתֵּן
and said H559 H0 **I will not give** H5414 H0 H853 **me thy vineyard** H3754 **for money** H3701 H176

תַּחֲתֵי יַדִּי אֶתֵּן לְךָ אֶתֵּן אֶתֵּן אֶתֵּן אֶתֵּן אֶתֵּן
H518 **or else if it please** H2655 H859 **I will not give** H5414 H0 **me thy vineyard** H3754 H8478

אֲנִי אֶמָּר וְכֶסֶף בְּכַסְפִּי אֶת לְיָ אֶתֵּן אֶתֵּן אֶתֵּן אֶתֵּן
and said H559 H3808 **I will not give** H5414 H0 H853 **me thy vineyard** H3754

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