

1 Kings 22:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Ahab's death and Jehoshaphat's alliance, 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 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics 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

מִמֶּנּוּ	סַר	לֹא	אָבִי	אָסָא	דָּכָר	בְּכָל	וְלֹא	וְלֹא
And he walked	in all	the ways	of Asa	his father	not	He did turn aside	from it	
H1980	H3605	H1870	H609	H1	H3808	H5493		H4480
לַעֲשׂוֹת	בְּעֵינֵי	הַיְשֵׁר	וְהַיְהָ					
doing	right	in the eyes	of the LORD					
H6213	H3477	H5869	H3068					

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 15:14 (References Lord): But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days.

2 Kings 12:3 (Parallel theme): But the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

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