

# 1 Kings 22:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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### **And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.**

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

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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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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## 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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| אֶת                | הַכְּמֹתָא         | לֹא                | סְרֹרָא         | עַד   | הַעֲםָדָה  |
| Nevertheless       | the high places    | not                | were taken away | still | the people |
| H389               | H1116              | H3808              | H5493           | H5750 | H5971      |
| מְחֻבְּדִים        | וּמְקֻרְבִּים      | בְּכָמֹתָא         |                 |       |            |
| offered sacrifices | and burned incense | on the high places |                 |       |            |
| H2076              | H6999              | H1116              |                 |       |            |

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 22:2** (Kingdom): And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.

**2 Kings 8:18** (Kingdom): And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

**2 Chronicles 19:2** (Kingdom): And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

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