

1 Kings 22:50

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

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

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| וָשָׁכַב | וְיְהוָשָׁפָט | עִם | אֲבָתָיו | וְיִקְבַּר | עִם | אֲבָתָיו |
| And rested | Jehoshaphat | with | his fathers | and was buried | with | his fathers |
| H7901 | H3092 | H5973 | H1 | H6912 | H5973 | H1 |
| בָּעֵיר | בְּדִיד | אָבִי | תְּמִלְךָ | יְהוֹרָם | בָּנָו | תְּחִלְפָה |
| in the City | of David | his father | and reigned | Joram | his son | in his place |
| H5892 | H1732 | H1 | H4427 | H3088 | H1121 | H8478 |

Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 21:1 (Kingdom): Now Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

