

1 Kings 1:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the broader narrative of Solomon's accession and Adonijah's rebellion, within the book's focus on succession narrative and establishment of Solomon's reign.

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. This passage describes events around 970 BCE during the transition from David to Solomon.

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 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does this passage illustrate the importance of clear succession planning and communication in leadership transitions?
2. What does Solomon's consolidation of power reveal about the relationship between justice, mercy, and political necessity?
3. How does this verse point toward or prepare for the coming of Christ and His eternal kingdom?

Interlinear Text

הֵן ה	עוֹדְךָ	מִדְבַּרְךָ	שָׁם	עִם	הֵם לְךָ
H2009	H5750	Behold while thou yet talkest	H8033	H5973	there with the king
		H1696			H4428
וְאֲנִי	אֵב וְאֵ	אַחֲרַיְךָ	וּמְלִאתִי	אֶת	דְּבָרֶיךָ:
H589	I also will come in	after	thee and confirm	H853	thy words
	H935	H310	H4390		H1697

Additional Cross-References

2 Corinthians 13:1 (Word): This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

