

1 Kings 1:19

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

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

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

וַיַּחַח	שׁוֹר	וּמְרִיא	וְצֹאן	לְרֹב	קָאָה:	
And he hath slain	oxen	and fat cattle	and sheep	in abundance	and hath called	
H2076	H7794	H4806	H6629	H7230	H7121	
לְכָל	בְּנֵי י	הֶמֶל לֶךְ	וּלְאַבְיָתָר	הַכֹּהֵן	וּלְיֹאָב	שׁוֹר
H3605	all the sons	of the king	and Abiathar	the priest	and Joab	the captain
	H1121	H4428	H54	H3548	H3097	H8269
הַצֶּבֶא	וְלִשְׁלֹמֹה	עַבְדֶּךָ	לֹא	קָאָה:		
of the host	but Solomon	thy servant	H3808	and hath called		
H6635	H8010	H5650		H7121		

