

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

לְרָב	וְצָאן	וּמְרִיא	שׁ וּר	וְזָבֵחַ	קָרְבָּן
in abundance	and sheep	and fat cattle	oxen	and he hath slain	and hath called
H7230	H6629	H4806	H7794	H2076	H7121

קָרְאָה: לְאָעָבֶד כִּי לְשָׁלָם הַפָּאָכָּב אֶל
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H6635 H8010 H5650 H7121

