

1 Kings 1:24

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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

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

אָמַרְתָּ	וַתֵּן	אֲדֹנָי	הַמֶּלֶךְ	אֵת	אָמַרְתָּ	אֲדֹנָי הוּא
hast thou said	And Nathan	My lord	O king	H859	hast thou said	Adonijah
H559	H5416	H113	H4428		H559	H138
יִמְלֹךְ	אַחֲרָי	וְהוּא	יֹשֵׁב	עַל	כִּסְאִי	
shall reign	after	H1931	me and he shall sit	H5921	upon my throne	
H4427	H310		H3427		H3678	

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