

# 1 Kings 1:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne?**

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

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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

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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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

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אָדָנִי הוּא	אָמַר רַבָּת	נָתַן	אָדָנִי	לְךָ	הַמֶּלֶךְ	אַתָּה	אַתָּה	רַבָּת	אָמַר	הָוֶה	אָדָנִי
<b>hast thou said</b>	<b>And Nathan</b>		<b>My lord</b>		<b>O king</b>			<b>hast thou said</b>		<b>Adonijah</b>	
H559	H5416		H113		H4428			H559		H138	
יְמִלְתָּה	בְּ	וְ	אַתָּה	אַתָּה	וְ	יְשִׁיבָה	עַל	כְּסֵאֵךְ	עַל	כְּסֵאֵךְ	יְמִלְתָּה
<b>shall reign</b>	<b>after</b>		<b>H1931</b>			<b>me and he shall sit</b>		<b>H5921</b>		<b>upon my throne</b>	
H4427	H310					H3427			H3678		

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