

1 Kings 1:27

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

John 15:13 – Greatest form 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

אַל אֵל הַזֶּה פְּדָבָר תְּנִתֵּן הַבָּטָה אֶלְדָּנִי מִאֵת בָּנָי

הַזְּדָבָחַת	אַתָּה	עֲבָדִיךְ	מִי	יִשְׁבַּת	עַל
and thou hast not shewed	H853	it unto thy servant	H4310	who should sit	H5921

כִּי	אָדָם	לְרֹא	בְּמִתְּרִין
on the throne	by my lord	the king	after