

# 1 Kings 1:30

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

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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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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## 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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כִּי	כְּאֶשֶׁר	נִשְׁבַּע עֲתִי	לְךָ	בִּיהוָה	אֱלֹהֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל
H3588	H834	Even as I swear	H0	unto thee by the LORD	God	of Israel
		H7650		H3068	H430	H3478
לֵאמֹר	כִּי	שְׁלֹמֹה	בְּנֶךָ	יִמְלֹךְ	אַחֲרַי	וְהָיָא
saying	H3588	Assuredly Solomon	thy son	shall reign	after	H1931
H559		H8010	H1121	H4427	H310	
וְהָיָא	יֵשֵׁב	עַל	כִּסֵּאִי	תַּחְתָּי	כִּי	יָבִין
me and he shall sit	H5921	upon my throne	H8478	H3588	H3651	
H3427		H3678				
אֲעֵשֶׂה	הַיּוֹם	הַזֶּה				
in my stead even so will I certainly do	this day	H2088				
H6213	H3117					

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 1:13** (Kingdom): Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign?

**1 Kings 1:17** (Kingdom): And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne.