

1 Kings 1:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Even as I sware unto thee by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do this day.

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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

ישָׁרָאֵל אֱלֹהִים
H3588 H834 Even as I swear H7650 בְּיַהְוָה הַנְּשָׁבֵעַ עַתִּי כַּאֲשֶׁר כֵּן
H0 H3068 unto thee by the LORD H3068 God of Israel H430 H3478

וְהִיא אֶפְרַיִם יְמִלְגֵּן בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
H1931 H310 after H4427 H1121 thy son H8010 Assuredly Solomon H598 saying H559

וְיֵשֵׁב עַל כִּסֵּא תְּרִמְמָה
H3651 H3588 H8478 H3678 upon my throne me and he shall sit H5921 H3427

בָּזְהָה הַיּוֹם אֲעַשֵּׂה
H2088 H3117 this day H6213 in my stead even so will I certainly do

Additional Cross-References

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.