

# 1 Kings 1:35

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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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## 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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וְעָלִיתָ ׀	אַחֲרָיו	וְבָא	וְיָשָׁב	עַל
Then ye shall come up	after	him that he may come	and sit	
H5927	H310	H935	H3427	H5921
כִּסְאִי	וְהָיָא	יִמְלֹךְ	תִּתְּחַבֵּי	וְאֵת ׀
upon my throne		for he shall be king		
H3678	H1931	H4427	H8478	H854
צוֹ יָתִי	לְהִי ׀	בֶּן יָד	עַל	יִשְׂרָאֵל
in my stead and I have appointed		him to be ruler		over Israel
H6680	H1961	H5057	H5921	H5921
				H3478
וְהָיָה׃				
and over Judah				
H3063				

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