

1 Kings 1:36

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

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

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

אָמֵן	וְאָמַרְתִּי	בַּמֶּלֶךְ	אַתָּה	יְהוֹיָדָעַת	עַ	בֶּן	הָוֹן	בְּנֵי	עָזָבָה	וְעָזָבָה	וְעָזָבָה	וְעָזָבָה	
answered	And Benaiah	the son	of Jehoiada		H853	the king	and said	Amen					
H6030	H1141	H1121	H3077			H4428	H559	H543					
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H3651	and said	the LORD	God	of my lord		H430	H113	H4428					
	H559	H3068											

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